

1735

The Inhabitants of Concord Village or New Grant and the Proprietors Did Petition the Town of Concord to be Set off a Separat Town and accordingly they at a General Town meeting of the Notable Inhabitants of Concord on Monday the fourth Day of March 1733/4 Mr Saml Chandler was moderator of the meeting they in answer to the above Named Petition Did Set off the Village or Towns New Grant a Separat Town together with Major Melvins Farms and the Inhabitants and Proprietors Did Petition the Grate and General Court for a Sanction and the Grate and General Court Did Set off the Village together with the Farms called Melvins Farms a separate Town and ordered the Town to be Assembled in order to Chuse Town officers in the words following

In the House of Representatives June y^e 27: 1735 ordered that John Heald one of the Principle Inhabitants of the Town of Acton in the County of Middlesex be and hearty is fully authorized and empowered to assemble the freeholders and other qualified voters in said Town as soon as may be in some Convenient Place in said Town to make Choice of Town officers to stand till the anniversary meeting in March next

Sent up for Concurrence

J Quincy Speaker

In Council June 30/1735
Read and Concurred

Samson Deput Secy

July y^e 21/1735 July y^e 27 1735 Compted to
J Belcher

By our due of this order above ritten the Do John Heald Did Assemble the Inhabitants of the Town of Acton on the Friday first Day of July 1735 and then Proceeded as followeth
Lieut John Heald was Chosen moderator of the meeting
Thomas Wheeler was Chosen Town Clerk and was sworn before Colon^l Plimth Jpr
Lieut John Heald and Joseph Plimth and Thomas Wheeler was Chosen Selectmen and a person

They made Choyce of Jonathan Wheeler and Amos Prescott Constables and John Barker Town Treasurer. Surveyors of Highways Jonathan Parker John Rogers and Samuel Hayward Each of which was sworn. Surveyors of Highways and fells for that year Simon Hunt Styling man John Brooks fence viewers and Drucors David Procter and Jonathan Hogmeris Hogreues Jonathan Biting Samuell Shapiro and Joseph Wheeler Each was sworn as the Law Directt

1735 Acton October 1735

The Selectmen of the Town of Acton met in October the fourth day of 1735 and agreed on a Town meeting and the articles following viz

- 1 To see if the Town will agree to have there Land taxed and if the Town will Chuse one or more Persons to Petition the Grate and General Court for a Tax on the Land
 - 2 To see if the Town will Begin to Build a meetinghouse this year and what way they will Do it on
 - 3 To see what money the Town will Raise to Defray Town Charges this year
 - 4 To see if the Town will Pitch upon a Place to set a meetinghouse on
- and the warrants was Directed to the two Constables viz Jonathan Wheeler and Amos Prescott and accord with the Inhabitants of the Town of Acton meet at the House of Mr John Barker in Acton on the thirteenth Day of October 1735 and Proposed as followeth
- Leut John Heats was Chosen moderator of a meeting and it was Propounded whether they would have there Land taxed or not on the affirmative and the Town made Choise of Leut John Heats to Petition the Grate and General Court for a Tax
- 2 it was Propounded whether the Town will begin to build a meetinghouse this year it Paed in the Negative
 - 3 it was Propounded what money the Town will Raise this year voted they will Raise thirty Pounds to Defray Town Charges this year
 - 4 Propounded whether the Town will set this meeting house in the Centre voted on the affirmative

Acton
November 24th 1735

The Selectmen met and agreed on a Town meeting to be on the 10th of the above month and the articles as followeth

- 1 To see if the Town will Reconsider their vote that they will set there meetinghouse on the Centre and agree to set it on sum other Place near the Centre for Convenience
 - 2 To see if the Town will agree to make any Preparation for year ensuing towards building a meetinghouse or any other things Relating there to
 - 3 To see whether the Town will Do any thing further Relating to the first article of the Last meeting and the warrant was Directed to the two Constables viz Jonathan Wheeler & Amos Prescott and the Inhabitants of the Town of Acton met and Proposed as followeth
- Acton Nov^r 10th 1735
- 1 At a General Town meeting of the Inhabitants of the above Town Propounded whether they will Reconsider there vote that they will set there meetinghouse in the Centre voted they will not Reconsider
 - 2 To see if the Town will make any preparation towards building a meetinghouse voted they will Do nothing on that article
 - 3 on y^e third article voted that Cor^t Joseph Wright be added to Leut John Heats to manage the Petition at the Grate and General Court
- then the meeting was Dismissed

Acton Nov^r 24th 1735

The Selectmen of the Town met and agreed on a Town meeting to be on the first Monday of December 1735 and the articles following viz

- 1 To have the surveyors Report that was Chosen to find the Centre
- 2 To see if the Town will Reconsider there vote that they set there meetinghouse in the Centre and agree to set it a few Rods to the Northwest of a Black Oak marked with an ax and alleded to be the Centre by Ebenezer Prescott or to see if the Town will agree to measure from the most Extrem Corners and find the Centre and Chuse men for that Purpose and the warrants was Comitted to the two Constables viz Jonathan Wheeler and Amos Prescott and the Inhabitants met and did meet on y^e day above and Proposed and Dismissed the two articles above and then the meeting was Dismissed

Acton December 24th 1735

The Selectmen met on y^e day above and agreed on a Town meeting and on the articles following

- 1 to se if the town will Reconsider there vote that they will set there meeting house in the Centre and agree to set it on a knowl with a grate many pines on it Lying Southwardly aboute twenty or thirty Rods of ablack oak tree where the fier was made the Last meeting or to se if the town will agree to set there meetinghouse on a knowl to the North of the oak tree where they Last met or to se if the town will Chuse a tow or three men to say which of the three Places is most Convenient or to se if the Community think that knowl where on stands a Dead Pine Between the two afore said knowls or to say which of the three Places are most Convenient
- 2 to se if the town will agree to begin to build there meetinghouse this year or make any preparation therefor against the year ensuing or to any thing Relating there to

- 3 to se if the town will Except of an offer that our Secunah Emery of Chelmsford Designs to make to the town of Acton and not have his Lands that Lieth in the town of Acton and so warrant was Comitted to the two Constables viz Jonathan Wheeler and Amos Prescott and the Inhabitants to meet on the Day above

Acton December 4th 1735

- At a General town meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Acton Legally warned Licut John Heale was Chosen moderator of the meeting on the first article Propounded whether the town will Reconsider there vote that they will set there meetinghouse in the Centre voted on the affirmative Propounded whether they will set there meetinghouse on the knowl first mentioned in the Warrant and where the Pine tree was marked In second Division Land of Doctor Cuming voted on the affirmative
- 2 on the second article Propounded whether the town will begin to build a meetinghouse this year voted on the affirmative Propounded what Dimensions they would build it voted they would build it forty six feet Long and thirty and eight wide and twenty feet in height
 - 3 on the third article Propounded whether the town of Acton will free the Secunah Emery of all Rates and Taxes for his Lands Lotts and the State Rateable in all Town Rates for a space of five years from the Date of this meeting

To Emory Paying of June 5th ten pounds five pounds of Raising the meetinghouse the other five at the house of minister in London voted on the affirmative at the same time Thomas Wheeler shewed Reasne of money of Dr Emory and gave him a discharge for the money

Acton January 4th 1736

upon an adjournment of the meeting from December 22nd 1735 to January 4th 1736
Propounded whether the town will Reconsider there vote that they will build there meetinghouse 46 feet in Length and 38 feet in breadth Voted on the affirmative Propounded whether the town will agree to build a house 46 feet in Length and 36 feet in breadth and 21 feet between joints voted on the affirmative Propounded whether all the Inhabitants of the town should have the offer to work at getting the timber for the house by the Community voted on the affirmative Propounded whether Saml Wheeler Jonathan Parlin Simon Hunt John Shepard and Daniel Shepard be a Community to manage the affair of getting the timber for the meetinghouse voted on the affirmative at the same time voted that the Community should have six shillings per Day for their work and the other Labourers to have five shillings per Day at the same time voted that there should be a Rate of seventy pounds made and assessed on the Inhabitants of the town of Acton towards setting up the frame of the house

Acton March 15th 1736

where the selectmen of the town met and agreed on a town meeting to be on the 22nd day of march 1736 and on the order thus following viz

- 1 to Chuse town officers for this present year
- 2 to se if the town will Except of the High ways Laid out by the selectmen to and from the meeting house Place in the severall Parts of the town as shall be shewn by an account taken of the ways by the selectmen
- 3 to se if the town will agree to work at the Highways any more then is Required by Law this present year and if so how much more
- 4 to se what the town will do in Respect to the widow Elizabeth Shepard Non Residing in Acton to se if the town will agree to stand a sute in the Law with the town of Concord if she be on the side of the widow Shepard account

Acton march 22nd 1736

At a General town meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Acton Legally warned Licut John Heale was Chosen moderator of the meeting on the first article viz to Chuse town officers Thomas Wheeler was Chosen town Clerk mark White and Simon Hunt was Chosen Constables Joseph Fletcher John Brooks & Thomas Wheeler was Chosen selectmen and assessors Mr John Barker was Chosen town Treasurer

Golden Road viols on the
and the down viols at the same time that the account of the
ways should be recorded as they was taken by the selectmen of D down
John James unless his dissent against the severall votes that have
been past Relating to ways where they go through D James's
Land. Thomas Walter (Dec)

Below February 4th 1753/56
then Land out by a settlement of 1/2 down a way hear after descended
by marks and bounds 1712 Beginning at a Stake near Hens Road then on
to a black oak marked then to a deep of Stones Edward's Land so to a
Hatchers house then to a Pine tree marked in John Hatchers Land so over
other Pine tree marked then at y^e wall standeth to the brook so over
the Bridge so onward to a Rock then turning North it then to Sam^l
Dawns fence and so on toward J^r Dawns House as y^e way is now
used then on y^e occupied way to oak tree by John Dawns House
then Edward's to a Pine marked then turning North ward through
second Division Land then through Land of the Laws to y^e old way
that Leads to Concord then Leaving the so old way and turning
Northwardly where y^e way is now occupied to a Pine tree marked near
y^e Bridge so over y^e Bridge and onward by Danells Shepard's house y^e wall
to be y^e bound of y^e way and so along the said way then Leaving the
y^e old way that goeth to not farthest on the Left hand near a Dairy
Puddle Place then to a black oak marked then to a white oak marked
then to a white oak then turning North it to a ~~Pine~~ white oak marked
then to a white oak marked then North to a Poplar marked in an hundred
acre Lot Graded by Sam^l Blood then to a black oak marked and so
on as the trees are marked to the meeting house Place so on from
y^e meeting house Place to a black oak marked then to a white oak marked
then to a white oak marked where Moorbury hill away meets y^e way off
then to a black oak marked then to a white oak marked in an hundred acre
Lot Graded by y^e heirs of maj^r Prescottt then to a black oak marked
in y^e Lot then to a Pine tree marked in an hundred acre y^e road by
Georg Roberts then to a Poplar then to a Red oak tree marked in an
off of y^e hundred acre Lot of maj^r Prescottt heirs afore^d so to a good
white oak tree marked to a Palme tree marked in y^e Lot to a Red oak
then across Skaggs brook to a black oak marked in an hundred acre
Lot Graded by Capt William Skillson of Concord to a pine tree
marked then across Littleton Road and so by marks through
second Division and Common Land as is marked untill it
Cometh to Thomas Wheelers House then between y^e Wheelers
house and Barn and so on the way at now occupied untill
it Cometh to over y^e bridge then to a black oak tree
then to a white oak then to a black oak marked then
then to a white oak tree marked then to a white oak

In St John Heards Land then over of Cogsway to Crowell
hole so on of cogsway as is now used till it cometh to the
heards Barn and so Leuemy of barn and yard to a
north so Runs south of Heards house to a Rock
East of of house then to a black oak the way by of
barn to be but two Rods wide then to a Pine stump
so that to across Groton Road then over the Road and
through Land of J. Viddon Colborn to Land of David Runtens
to a pine tree marked then to a pine then to a heap of stones being
the Brocters bound mark then to the Road bounds on J. Viddon
Rusels orchard fence to of house of D. Rusel of bounds of
the way are on of west and North side of of way from
flow Road to of old way west of Lane is but two Rods
wide and from the old way to of meeting house place is three
Rods wide and so from of meeting house of of to Groton Road
to Continue these Rods except against St John Heards Barn three
Rods wide and from Groton Road to of widows Rusels house to be
but two Rods wide

of selectmen that laid out

way was

Joseph Fletcher
John Heards
Thomas Wheeler

Acton February of 10th 1735/6
then of selectmen laid out a way from Thomas Harris Land
as followeth viz beginning at a white oak tree at the west corner
of the Harris fence to be on of the side of the way so through
a little piece of Land of John Daulies to a white oak tree marked
in of Lane between Doctor Cummings Land and Land of D. Davis then
in Doctor Cummings Land then in D. Daviss Land strate to Saml
Haywards Corner then of way to go all in D. Haywards Land to a black
oak tree marked then turning thwardly to a Swamp oak tree marked
in John Daviss Land then to a Poplar marked then to a black oak
tree marked then to a white oak marked so to a white oak tree
tree marked near of Lane between D. Davis and Hezekiah Wheeler
then to a pine tree marked in D. Wheelers Land then to a Rock in
of brook so to a Pine mark in D. Wheelers Land then to of Cogsway
in Joseph Wheelers Land and turning thwardly over D. Cogsway to a
Hemp and thence about it then North thwardly to a Rock with stone
on it so to white oak then to a white oak marked then to a
Rock then as of the way goeth untill it meets with of way
that cometh from Simon Hunts of way to be from Harris over of
Cogsway of to be but two Rods wide then a three Rod way
to of End

Acton February of 9th 1735/6
then laid out a way from Mr John Bakers Land of Littleton Road the
Road wide and thence by marks made by of selectmen of Concord

Acton February of 9th 1735/6
then of selectmen of D. Town laid out a way as followeth
viz beginning at of Lane between William Pierce and William Bond
to a world tree then to a Rock at of west End of D. Conants house
then as of trees are marked through D. Conants Land then to a black
oak tree marked in Andrew Darlys Land then turning North west
and so by D. Darlys way then to a black oak and so as of trees are
marked to mark White Land then South westwardly to a heap of stones then
turning North westwardly and of way is on of Lane between of Lots
of one granted by Benizer Davis of Concord of other by J. Robbens
of flow of Sagwell Part out of each Lot then turning of Lane on of
south to a white oak marked then a cross of brook at of upper End
of the Rock above Rock meadow then to a white oak marked then
to a stake at of Corner of D. 19 and so along of Lane to be of
bounds on of North side of of way then to a white oak then as of
trees are marked untill it cometh to of of way that cometh
from of North St Part of of Town

Acton February of 10th 1735/6
then of selectmen of D. Town laid out a way as followeth viz
beginning at of former line at a black oak tree marked turning North
ly and bounding on Mr John Bakers Land then on ward to a Rock
at of Lower End of Bear hage meadows then turning a little to
of west to a black oak tree marked near of way that cometh from
Simon Hunts of way is a two Rod way and is to accomodate Mr
Saml. Pipers home

Acton March of 18th 1735/6
then laid out a way by of selectmen of D. Town for Saml. Wheelers
beginning at D. Wheelers Land so along as of most Northwardly way is
to Rusels meadow to a black oak tree marked D. tree then along the
north side of of way so strate to Groton Road the way is a
two Rod way all of above D. ways was laid out by the
selectmen hear after Named

Joseph Fletcher
John Heards
Thomas Wheeler

Selectmen

Acton Nov^{br} of 24/1736
taken up and strayed as of Lane Directs by Andrew Darby
of Acton a Red keeper Red and white running in four years
old with two half pencey Cut out of of Janders side of
of near Ear and a half pencey Cut out of of upper side of of
Ear and a flit in of top of of same Ear Branded
with St on of Near horn

Aiton May 10th 1736

Then the Selectmen of D. town met and agreed on a town meeting to be on 17th day of May 1736 and on 4 articles following viz

1 To be if D. town will Reconsider there vote that they will find the widow Elizabeth Shepard out of D. town of Aiton by an offer and in the case of 10 Petition of Court of General Sessions for Relief on her account as also to be if D. town will agree to Petition the Court for a Part of Mr. Peter Wrights Donation as also to be if D. town will agree to Chuse one or more men separate from D. selectmen to manage that affair

2 To be if D. town will Chuse one or more men to agree with Madam Cuning for D. Land that is voted for D. meetinghouse to stand on as also to be if D. town will do any thing or things further relating to setting up D. house

3 To be if D. town will agree to Purchase a Pound that Daniell Shepard hath Erected on his own Land or to be if D. town will Erect a New one

and if warrants was Directed to D. Constables viz mark White & Simon Hunt and if town Did assemble on D. Day above and made Request of Mr Joseph Plitcher that Moderator and Proposed as followeth Propounded whether D. town will Reconsider there former vote relating to widow Shepard and Petition of Court for Relief voted on D. affirmative voted at D. first time D. selectmen should manage that affair voted if selectmen should agree with madam Cuning for D. Land for D. meeting house to stand on

Propounded whether they will Purchase a Pound of Daniell Shepard voted they will not voted they will hire D. Pound of D. Shepard at eight shillings for this year and accordingly D. town agreed with D. Shepard for Eight shillings then the meeting was Dismissed

Aiton July 25th 1736

Then D. selectmen of D. town met and agreed on a town meeting to be on D. second day of August 1736 and on 4 articles following viz

1 To be what D. town will agree to do with D. widow Elizabeth Shepard the only son by a warrant from D. town of Aiton to the town of Aiton and what instructions D. town will give D. selectmen relating to that affair

2 To be what D. town will allow Daniell Shepard for keeping up D. widow Shepard from D. first of March to D. Twentieth of May ensuing and if warrants was Directed to the Constables and if town Did assemble on D. Day above and made Choice of Mr Joseph Plitcher Moderator and it was Propounded what they would do on D. first article voted they would Leave it matter with D. selectmen and D. second article voted if selectmen should do as they thought best on afore then the meeting was Dismissed

Aiton September 18th 1736

Then D. selectmen of D. town met and agreed on a town meeting on D. articles following viz D. meeting to be on D. first of October 1736

1 To be what D. town will do with Respect to framing and and Raising D. meetinghouse and what way they will agree to do it

2 To be if D. town will agree to Chuse a Community to manage D. house of framing and Raising D. house above and all to agree with a Carpenter to frame D. meeting house

3 To be if D. town will agree upon a Place or Places for a Burying Place

4 To be if D. town will agree to have Preaching in D. town this winter season

and if warrants was Directed to D. Constables and D. Inhabitants and if town Did assemble on D. Day above and A John Heats was Chosen Moderator D. assembly it was Propounded whether the town will frame and Raise D. meeting house before winter voted on the affirmative

2 on D. second article voted they will Chuse a Community to frame and Raise D. meetinghouse voted that A John Heats Thomas Wheeler and Simon Hunt be a Community empowered to Reconsider and inspect and order D. framing and Raising D. meetinghouse in Aiton and Live will to agree with a Carpenter or Carpenters to frame D. house

3 on D. third article voted D. selectmen should find and Pitch on a Place for a Burying Place

4 on D. fourth article voted they would dismiss it then D. meeting was Dismissed

Aiton Nov 1st 1736

Then D. selectmen of D. town met and agreed on a town meeting to be on D. first day of D. month and on 4 articles following viz

1 To be on what way D. town will agree to Raise D. meetinghouse and in what way they will make Provision for D. People

2 To be if D. town will Chuse a Community to Receive D. accounts of D. former Community that was Chosen to get D. timber and what D. town will allow D. day for work at framing D. meetinghouse and if warrants was Comitted to D. Constables and D. Inhabitants of D. town met and Chose John Davis Moderator of D. meeting on D. first article to be in what way they will agree to Raise D. meetinghouse voted they would Dismiss D. article

on D. second article Propounded whether they will Chuse a Community to Receive the accounts voted they would be it that Mr. Saml. Prescott Mark White and John Brooks be a Community for that afore then D. meeting was Dismissed

Aiton December 8th 1736

Then D. selectmen met and agreed on a town meeting to be on D. first Wednesday of January for Enquiry and on 4 articles following viz

To be if D. town will agree to finish D. meetinghouse and also how long they will be a doing D. work

- 2 To se how if down will agree to have there meetinghouse finished
- 3 To se if if down will agree to Chuse a Comitty to Let A house out to a man or men to finish
- 4 To se if if down will agree to Breaching this Present winter and untill the down meeting in if month of march Next
- 5 To se if if down will agree to Purchis a Pease of Land for a Burying Place

then the warrants was Comitted to the Constables and if Inhabalants did assemble on if Day above and made Chose of Mr Joseph Fletcher a moderator of the meeting: it was Resolved neither they will finish there. School Part ~~that~~ they will do to it and how Long before it shall be Done. Voted they will load and King of Road and load and (above) if for and End make window frames and Capments and make if Doors and Crown of Doors and windows but as troughs Straws build if Pulpit and Lay if Lower from to work to be Done by if first Day of November Next

- on if article Relating to Breaching it was Dismissed
- on if article for Chusing a Comitty to Let the meetinghouse out to finish voted that A John Hunt Simon Hunt & John Shepard be a Comitty to Let it out to Do
- on if first article Relating to Purchising Land for a Burying Place
- Resolved that Mr John Barker and Nathan Robins be Impowered to Procure if Land on if downs (large) then if meeting was Dismissed

Acton march if 19th 1736/7

then if selectmen of down met and agreed on a down meeting to be on if Last monday in this instant march and on if articles following viz

1 To se what if down will Relating to if widow Elizabeth Shepard

2 To se if if down will Discontinue if way that was Laid out from Littleton Road to over Saggs brook to John Davis his mill and turn it way a Long Littleton Road over if bridge and so bring if way in by the will stop

4 To se if the down will Discontinue if way that was Laid out over if brook at if Rock and agree to have it go over if brook at or near if ford way by Joseph Barnes and so in if most convenient Place to if way that Cameth from if North East Part of if down

5 To se if if down will agree to build a bridge over if brook near John Hunt and John Samuels to a comoute Dropped on except of a way Laid out by if selectmen over if brook or Pond to the meeting house

6 To se if if down will agree that Mr Joseph Barnes should have 7-6 out of if down money for framing if meeting house

7 To se if if down will Except if two ways Laid out by the select in if year 1736 one to accomodate John Davis & other George Robins

8 To se if if down will agree on a day for there anuall meeting in march

- 9 To se what if down will allow if Constables for there Extra ordinary forus for Collecting if Tax Rate for three years Running
- 10 To se if if down will agree to alter if way in William Conants Land from an open way to a bridel way
- 11 To se if if down will agree to underpin if meeting house
- 12 To se if if down will agree to hire if Pound of Daniel Shepard or build a new one
- 13 To se if if down will agree that if down selectmen shall have no Power to Draw any money out of if Treasury for vestuals or Drink
- 14 To se if if down will agree that the Town shall Run at Large this year

Acton march ye 28th 1737

At a General town meeting Being Legally warned as appeared by ye Returns of ye Constables warrants of if Acton met at 10 o'clock of Joseph Barnes in if town at ten of ye Clock in ye forenoon John Davis was Chosen moderator of if meeting & Professed on ye several Articles as folloeth viz

To Chuse Town officers Simon Hunt was Chosen Town Clerk Joseph Fletcher was Chosen ye first Constable & ye meeting was adjourned while tomorrow to meet at ye meeting house

From at ten of ye Clock in ye forenoon in Acton

Acton march ye 29th 1737

at a General town meeting which was by an adjournment from march ye Twentieth Eighth to march ye 29th To ye meeting house from at ten of ye Clock in ye forenoon in Acton ye town was assembled & ye meeting was opened & adjourned to ye house of Joseph Barnes in if Acton

For one Hour John Davis Being moderator of if meeting & Professed on ye Articles as folloeth viz

Town officers Jonathan Billings was Chosen ye second Constable Simon Hunt John Brooks was & Jonathan Parlin

Was Chosen select men & ye select men was Chosen Officers for if town & Mr John Barker was Chosen treasurer for if town & William Fairer John Shepard Amos Prescott Samuel Hornum & Zacariah Emery was Chosen surveyors of Highways & Andrew Darby was Chosen Tithing man

Banjamin Brabrook & Daniel Shepard was Chosen Postwives

John Cragin was Chosen Surveyor of Hemp & flax

William Connant & David Brooks was Chosen Hog rovers all which was Chosen & sworn into their Respective offices in if town

For ye year Informing

2 Article to be what ye town will doe Relating to if maintenance of if

Elizabeth Shepard voted that ye select men should munday their

apart then ye town voted that they would cut on ye Lusketts viz

14 Article Noted that ye Towne shall Rem at Large this year & then ye meeting was adjourned until ye twelfth day of April next at ten o'clock in the forenoon to Joseph Barnes of the Town. For to consider ye other Eleven Articles that was Left in ye warrant of order &c

Auton April ye 12th 1737

at a Gineale Town meeting of ye Inhabitants of Auton At ye House of Joseph Barnes at task of ye Clock In ye forenoon ye meeting being by an adjournment from March ye 29th 1737 Mr John Davis was made moderator of meeting & Proposed on ye Remaining Articles as folloeth viz on ye 3 article Proposed whether ye Town would Discontinue ye way that was Laid out from Littleton way to John Davis his land which Noted that They would Discontinue that article

4 Proposed whether or No ye Town would Discontinue ye way that was Laid out over ye brook at ye Rock & agree to have the way over ye Brook at or Near ye old ford way where it may be Convenient Noted that they would Not

5 It was Proposed whether or No ye Town would Build a Bridge over ye Brook at or Near John Shapards & Joneses Saw mill To accomodate Dr Shapard: or Enrypt of any Land by ye Select, Auton over ye Brook or Pond Noted that they would build a Bridge over ye Brook By ye mill afore sd

6 Proposed whether ye Town would allow Joseph Barnes of the Town to Have Nine pounds Seven Shillings & Six Pence out of ye Town money It Being his Due for Framing ye meeting House Noted on ye affirmative

7 Proposed whether ye Town would Except of Two ways Laid out by ye Select men of Auton In ye year 1736 & It was made appear that one was Laid out for to accomodate George Robbins of New which way was Laid out June ye 22nd of the Noted In ye Affirmative The way was Described as folloeth viz Beginning on ye west side of ye Brook from Mr George Robbins Land to a crook ye Brook By a Heap of Stones on ye East side of the Way so on to a Stake & Stones & so to ye South East end of Timmer Point hall to ye way that was Laid out by ye Select men of Auton To way to be two Rods wide

The other was Laid out by ye Select men of Auton August ye 17th of the year made appear to accomodate Mr John Davis of Auton & was Noted In ye affirmative The way was Described as folloeth viz Beginning at a Grassy oak marked where Connants & Joneses way comes up to Darby then to a white oak then to a white oak then to a Gray oak then to a white oak then to a black oak & so to ye Line between the towns of Auton & Gorton & from ye Line to Gorton Road ye bounds on ye South side of ye Road

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8 Proposed whether ye Town would agree on a Day for the Annual Town meeting In ye month of March; Noted that they would Have It on ye first Monday of March for time to come

9 Proposed what ye Town would allow their Constables a year for three years of bet coming; Noted that they will allow them five pounds a year for their Extraordinary trouble In Gathering ye Tax money

10 Proposed whether ye Town would alter any three William Connants Land from an open to a brick way Noted that they would do so Connant at ye same time being Present Promised that he would through of one Rod of his Land for ye Privilege at ye end of his

11 Proposed whether ye Town would hire a Day voted In ye afternoon by working Each man a Day voted In ye afternoon & a Day for to work to be on ye Last week before Butone In may next folloing

12 Proposed whether ye Town would hire a Pound of Daniel Shepard for ye sum of ten Shillings or Pounds one Noted that they will hire 20 Pounds for one year

13 Proposed whether ye Town will allow ye Select men of Auton to have no Power to draw any money out of ye Treasury for victuals or Drink Noted they should Not

Auton May ye 18th 1737

Then ye Select men met & agreed on a Town meeting to Be on Friday ye Twentieth day of May Current ye Warrants was Given to ye Constables to be at ye meeting ye article In ye warrant was first to see If ye Town will Elect & Depute one of ye freeholders to be at ye same for to Represent ye Town of Auton at ye Grant Gineale Court

Auton May ye 20th 1737

At a Gineale Town meeting being Legally warned as apered by ye Constables warrants ye Town was assembled and ye meeting Resolved It was Proposed whether ye Town would allow one to Represent them at ye Grant & Gineale Court; Noted that they will Not send any Return was made accordingly

Auton May ye 23rd 1737

Then ye Select men appointed a meeting of ye Town to be on Monday the Thirtieth day of May at ye meeting House In sd Town & on several articles folloing viz 1 To see If ye Town will Purchase a Piece of Land of Nathan Ballin for a Burying Place 2 To see what money ye Town will Raise to Defray Town Charges for the Present year

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- 1 It was Proposed whether they will laye their meeting House
 2 out in a convenient place John State Mr Thomas Speaker and Joseph
 Fletcher was Chosen a Committee to Let out a word
 3 It was Proposed whether one Jonathan Parker Mr John Crayn to Mr
 4 Benjamin Shepard should be a Committee to ajst account with ye town Treasr
 and voted In ye affirmative
 5 Proposed whether ye town will allow Joseph Wright three pounds & four
 shillings out of ye town money voted In ye affirmative
 6 Proposed what ye town woud do about Richard Green Rivers In his last
 sickness & voted that ye select men should pay Mr Timothy minor his
 demands for his troubles about him out of ye town Treasury & ye meeting
 was Dissolved

Acton January 26th 1737/8

The Select men met & Appointed a town meeting to be on
 Wednesday ye Twenty fifth day of January Current at ye
 meeting House In the town on ye affairs as folloeth viz
 1 To see what money ye town will Raise for clearing their
 meeting House. also what money ye town will Raise to
 support Preaching as all's how ye town woud pay and Joseph
 Fletcher for providing a Cushing for ye pulpit all 3 the
 2 To see how ye town woud provide to Ballance accounts
 for setting up ye meeting House frame

Acton January 26th 1737/8

At a Concord town meeting Being Legally warned of
 The Inhabitants of ye town aforesd at ye meeting House
 In the town and Joseph Fletcher was Chosen moderator
 for the meeting & Proceeded on ye articles as folloeth viz
 1 To see what money ye town woud Raise for clearing their
 meeting House voted they woud thirty pounds
 2 To see what money ye town will Raise to support Preaching
 voted they will Raise fifty pounds
 3 To see how they will pay Mr Joseph Fletcher for ye Cushing
 voted that he shall have 16 out of ye Town money
 4 To see which way ye town will provide to Ballance their
 accounts for setting up ye meeting House frame voted that ye
 Committee that was Chosen to receive ye accounts viz
 Mr Saml Prescott and John Brooks my mark while be com
 poud to receive & ajst a just accounts at or before ye
 the fifteenth day of February Next In witness whereof
 my hand & signet

Acton February 26th 1737/8

To an order to Joseph Cleveland for two pounds & seven pence
 still pay out of ye town money for decaying ye meeting House
 In full from ye date of June 1st 1737 to ye date of this order
 To an order to Nathan Hobbs for one pound out of ye
 town money for a burying Place due from ye town
 at one time & in full for fifteen shillings out of ye town money

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 3. The account of the Beginning of the town Page 1st the
 and second page the Proceedings of the year 1735
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1. An order to Mr Joseph Sutton February 20th 1737/8
 Mr Jonathan Billing for Eighty pounds 8th being in full 30-0-0
 agreed on for furnishing ye meeting house & out of ye meeting
 to an order to ye Constable in action march 20th 1737/8
 Mr Jonathan Fletcher & Mr Jonathan Billing to pay ye Committ } 30-0-0
 for Glazing ye meeting house ye whole offe Glazing Rate
 to an order to Daniel Shepard for ye pound out of ye towns money } 10-0-0
 to an order to John Brooks for two pounds & Eleven shillings
 and Eleven pence paid out of ye towns money 1st being due } 2-11-11
 to him for time & money Expended in ye year 1737
 to an order to Jonathan Parlin for one pound & three shillings } 1-3-0
 to an order to Simon Hunt for gathering ye town money out } 2-10-0
 of ye towns money two pds & ten shillings
 to an order to Mr Joseph Fletcher action march 20th 1737/8
 to digest Seven pds & ten shillings out of his ten rate } 7-10-0
 to pay for ye Churching
 then ye select men met & appointed a town meeting to be on ye 20th
 of march Current at ye meeting house in ye town at ten of ye clock
 in ye fore noon on ye articles following viz first to Chose town
 officers for this present year as all so to be ye town will spend
 a Day for fasting & prayer to God with advice & assistance of
 Sum of ye laboring ministers for further direction for Establishing
 ing ye Gospel among them as well so who & how many they will
 2. Provide with as all so Chose a Committ to manage ye affairs of ye
 vide for ye Pulpit for ye time to Com
 3. to be ye town will Chose a man to take care of ye meeting house
 4. to be ye town will will live ye pound of Daniel Shepard & built a house
 5. to be ye town will Except of as way Land out by ye select men paid
 Left from New mark whily towards ye meeting house as may be seen
 by a Return of A way
 6. to be ye town will Except of a bridge way Land out by ye select
 men from ye North East corner of David Brooks house Lot towards
 meeting house in ye town as may be shown by a Return of A way
 7. to be ye town will Except of as way Land out by ye select men
 Eruld now ye Grant brook called also as Grant brook
 8. to be ye town will agree to let ye house run at a large this year
 action march 20th 1737/8
 At a General Town meeting being legally warned as appeared by
 the Return of ye Constable servants At ye meeting house 20th March
 1737 Joseph Fletcher was Chosen moderator & Proceeded in ye affairs here
 after mentioned first to Chose town officers Simon Hunt was Chosen
 Town Clerk Mr John Brooks was Chosen ye first Constable Mr Jonathan
 Parlin was Chosen ye second Constable & Mr John Fletcher Joseph Fletcher
 and Simon Hunt was Chosen select men & ye select men was Chosen
 Officers & Mr John Barker was Chosen Town Treasurer & Thomas
 Law & William Cutting Nathan Robbins mark & John Joseph wheel
 Thomas Wheeler was Chosen Surveyors of high ways
 Jonathan Horsman was Chosen John Lane
 Derby David Foster was Chosen ye town Daniel Shepard Timothy Brooks
 Benjamin Lamson John and Cy was Chosen Highways 2nd to be ye town

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1. Appoint & set apart 20 Last Thursday of March for fasting & prayer voted in ye of former as all so voted that they will call in five of ye & labouring ministers or as many in calling a minister viz Mr Loring Mr Cook Mr Gardner or as many in calling a minister all so voted that ye select men & John Brooks be a Committ. to manage & afford & provide for ye pulpit for ye future
2. Propounded whether ye town will hire a man to take care of ye meeting house voted in ye affirmative & made choice of Mr John Crayin
3. Propounded whether ye town will hire a pound of Daniel Shepp or Buets a horse one voted that Nathan Robbins shall buy a horse one & have eight shill per year for ye hire of it as long as it is kept in Repair
4. Propounded whether ye town will except of any way layd out from these marks whites as it is marked voted in ye affirmative
5. Propounded whether ye town will except of a bridge way layd out for David Brooks from his house dot voted in ye affirmative
6. Propounded whether ye town will keep ye bridge in Repair that goes over Lanes Great Brook voted in ye negative
7. Propounded whether ye town will let ye Swine Run at Large this year voted in ye affirmative

Being in possession of Nathan Robbins a dark brown mare branded with C on ye Neck shouldered D on ye Neck Buttock was Entred April the 5th 1738

Alton May ye 20th 1738

- Then ye select men met & appointed a town meeting at ye meeting house in said town to be held on ye 20th of May at 10 o'clock in ye forenoon viz ye 20th of May with these a Deputy to Represent them at ye Great and General Court to be held at ye Court House in Boston on Wednesday & Thursday next
1. To ye said town with agree to Give Mr John Swift an Invitation to settle with them in ye ministry as all so what settle ment & Salary they will Give him & Choose a Committee to ~~that~~ agree with him
2. To ye said town with agree to finish ye meeting house or any part now of it this present year
3. To ye said town with agree to work at ye highways or how many days each man shall work at them this present year
4. To ye what money ye town will Raise to Defray ye necessary Charges in ye town this present year
5. To ye what money ye town will Raise to support Preaching this year
6. To ye what money ye town will allow Mr John Barker for his Scurving as freemason for three years past

Alton May ye 19th 1738

- At a General town meeting of ye Inhabitants of said town being legally warned & met. It is Resolved as followeth first Propounded whether they will Choose a Deputy to Represent them at ye meeting of ye select men & John Brooks be a Committee to manage & afford & provide for ye pulpit for ye future
2. Propounded whether ye town will agree to Give Mr John Swift an Invitation to settle with them in ye ministry voted in ye affirmative

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1. all so propounded what settle ment they will Give him voted they will Give him Two hundred & fifty pounds in ye one half eight months after ye first Payment
2. all so propounded what salary they will Give him yearly voted they will Give him one hundred & fifty pounds per year
3. all so propounded whether Samuel Wyck John Heald Mark White Thomas Wheeler Samuel Wheeler Joseph Fletcher John Barker John Brooks & Simon Hunt be a Committee to agree with him voted in ye affirmative
4. To ye said town Propounded whether ye town will finish their meeting house or any part thereof this year voted they will finish that article
5. Propounded how they will work at ye highways this year voted they will work as ye Law Requires
6. It was Propounded what money ye town will Raise to Defray ye necessary Charges in ye town this present year voted they will Raise Twenty pounds
7. Propounded what money they will Raise for Preaching this year voted they will finish that article
8. Propounded what they will allow Mr Barker for his Scurving as freemason for ye three years past voted they will allow him two pence per pound & then ye meeting was dissolved

Alton May ye 23rd 1738 to an order to Mr John Heald for three pounds out of ye treasury to wards Glazey & meeting house ordered to Jonathan Billings to pay

May ye 23rd 1738 to an order to Thomas Wheeler for two pounds & ten shillings out of ye treasury for Glazey & meeting house ordered to Jonathan Billings to pay

Alton March ye 5th 1738

At a General town meeting at ye meeting house in said town then & Town in Except of a way layd out by ye select men of said town to ye immediate David Brooks at ye Request of ye way is digged as followeth Beginning at ye North East Corner of ye Brooks house dot one Rod in ye Brooks Land which he bought of Joseph White and one Rod in Hezekiah Wheelers so far as than Lane comes and then in Joseph Wheelers Land & ye Hezekiah Wheelers Land one Rod in each untill it runs in to ye way that Leadeth to ye meeting house & ye said way is a bridge way each party consenting their to & was Layd out January ye 23rd 1738 By John Brooks & Simon Hunt select men Brought forward

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The Select men met & appointed Nelson September ye 26th 1788
of October Next at ye meeting above meeting to be on ye 10th
Clock in ye afternoon to (Con)fer wth on board on ye Articles her
after mentioned viz. Gift to Se of ye Town with Except of
the Reverend Mr John Smiths Answer to their Call.
The Town will make his Salary as good for ye full

- 2 to See if ye town will make his Salary as good for ye future in value as it is at present as also Charge & Com^{mt} to be paid with ye said Gentleman
- 3 to See if ye town will Grant ye Reverend Mr John Swift his wood according to his Desire
- 4 to See how ye town would have ye payments of his Salary agreed on
- 5 to See if ye town will Appoint a Day for ordination as also how & where they will make Provisions for ministers & messengers or Any other things Relating to that affare
- 6 to See if ye town will do any more to ye meeting House before ye ordination

Auton October ye 10th. 1738

At a Quinarel Town meeting at ye meeting House in D town
being legally swined as appered by ye Returns of ye Constable
warrants at one of ye Clock in ye afternoon being met
Jed Procter es folloeth m^r Joseph Fletcher was chosen
moderator for D meeting & first it was Propounded whether
the town would Except of ye Reverend m^r John Switts an
to ye towns call & voted in ye affirmative ~~unanimously~~

- to ye town full of wood in ye affirmative
2. It was propounded whether ye town will keep in Swifts Salvoys
and in value as it was when ye town came from his full
in it affirmative all chose ye head of ye town was
3. It was propounded whether ye town would come in Swift
by wood according to his desire voted in ye affirmative
4. It was propounded how ye town wood may in Swifts Salvoys
voted it be paid Every half years end
5. It was propounded when the town will have their ordination
voted that ye second day of November next be ye
day all voted that Mr Joseph Salathier be ye Rouse for Ensign
all voted that ye select men shall Appoynt ye town for ye
Charge afore said
6. It was propounded whether ye town will do any more at ye
meeting house before ordination voted in ye Negative & ye meet
ing be shut
Attest November ye 25th 1738

Auton November 22nd 1738

Taken up on Strage by Jonathan Billings of Litchfield Conn.
 a dark bay horse with stars in his forehead & turn while
 on his hind feet. Bred with M on of New England
 and is supposed to be coming in eight years old about
 fourteen hands high. Entered November 26th 1798
 same name as above & for off

Curton January 23 1738 Thomas a Raley of D
town paid five fine pounds which he Rec of Mr Exney

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Where as the Town of Canton at a town meeting July 22nd
May 22nd 1788 did unite ye Dea and John Swift into y^e
work of y^e ministry among them & did call y^e said Dea
John Swift two hundred and fifty pounds y^e year for a settlement
and a hundred and fifty pounds salary yearly
and since at a town meeting October 22nd 1788 did vote
that said salary should be kept up in y^e value of it y^e
point at every half year's end yearly & did call y^e said
John Heals Joseph Fletcher and ministers Paul Kees John
Brooks Samuel Wheeler & Simon Hunt as ye Committee to
Contract with said Mr Swift about y^e said salary
the Contract & Agreement between said Mr Swift & said Com^{tee}
is as folloith

- 1 That said Salary shall be paid According to ye outd Tennor
 of the major Charters Bills or in an Equall Copy of such Bills
 offered or Lawfull Curancey as shall rise from time to time
 2 That the Value of said Salary be kept up from time
 to time according as it may be voted on may afford
 according to ye ~~provisions~~ ^{provisions} of the Statute pro
 visions of Life
 3 That the payment of said Salary continue so long as
 said Mr Swift shall continue in ye work of Min
 istry in said Aston & in witness her of said Mr Swift
 and said Comtee have hereunto set their hands This 30th
 Day of October AD 1738
 John Swift
 John Heald

ordered on This Book
of Records Attest
Simon Hunt Town Clerk

John Swift
John Heald
Joseph Feltner
Amos Feltner
Simon Hunt
John Brook

Auton December 28th: 1738

To an order to ~~pay~~ ^{send} Simon Hunt out of y^e town } 976
Rate for money & time Expent in 9 years. 1737

Acston December to ye 28th. 1738 to an order to Enrich
 leave land for four pounds out of ye town Rate for keep-
 ing ye widow Shepard in full to ye 9 of January next
 Acston January Discounted with Mr. John Barker
 for his services being treasurer for ye three first years
 in full

out of town Route for gathering of Tax Route

out of town Rate for Gathering at Mt. Rate
Acton January 1798 to an order to Jonathan Billings
out of town Rate for Gathering at Mt. Rate
Acton January 1798 Mt. Samuel's Receipt of Decemr 10-
ye following ready for Receiving mt. south in part

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Acton march 2^d 1738/9 to an order to Thomas Wheeler
out of m^r Parlin's Debt for one pound 31-0-0
to an order to Joseph Barnes: Acton march 2^d 1738/9
for Twelve Shillings & Six pence out of m^r Parlin's 1730-12-6
Acton march 2^d 1738/9
to an order to Abraham Wheeler for Eight Shillings 30-8-0
out of m^r Parlin's Debt

Acton January 12th 1738/9

- The Select men met & Appointed a town meeting to be on 5th
of march next at the meeting house in the town at ten of
the clock in the forenoon to consider on ye Articles hereafter viz.
- 1 to Chuse town officers for ye year ensuing
 - 2 to se if ye town will Discontinue a Bit of way Leading
from the North west corner of mark whiter house Lot as his fence
Runs towards Brabrook as may be shewn at the meeting
 - 3 to se if ye town will Discontinue a Bit of way Leading
from Joseph Barnes to ye meeting House formerly laid
out as may be shewn at the meeting & Except of away
as now laid out as may be shewn at the meeting
 - 4 to se if ye town will Except of a way laid out by ye select
men on ye Request of Josiah Piper to go to meeting as may
 - 5 to se if the town will beir ye Request of Joseph Barnes
Relating to ye meeting House.
- To se if ye town will Lay out & Dispose of the their New Ground
on the meeting House & Dispose of ye Land or do any other
thing Relating to that affair

Acton march 2^d 1738/9

at a General town meeting of ye Inhabitants of the town at
the meeting House at ten of the clock in the forenoon. Henry met did
Propose as follows Joseph Fletcher was Chosen moderator
Simon Hunt was Chosen town Clerk: m^r John Barker was Chosen
the first Assistant & second Assistant.

David Procter was Chosen ye Second Constable: Jonathan Knight
was Chosen Constable: George Shum Darius Ammi Faltus &
Simon Hunt were Chosen Select men & Assessors: mark white
was Chosen Granaryman Jonathan Billing was Chosen
Town Treasurer: Joseph Barnes Josiah Piper David Brooks
Samuel Jones Jonathan Wheeler Saml & Davis were Chosen Surveyors
of the war right across: William Conant Enoch Cleaveland &
others: Asa & son Derby Samuel Shepard Amos Prescott went for
Hoy Refuge: Benjamin Brabrook was Chosen tidying man

2 Proposed whether ye town will Discontinue a Bit of way
From the North west corner of mark whiter house Lot as his fence
Runs toward Benjamin Brabrook while it runs in to ye way
which D. Brabrook goeth to meeting in & voted in ye
affirmative

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- 3 It was Propounded whether ye town will Discontinue a bit
of way From Joseph Barnes & Except of away lately laid
out toward ye meeting House & voted in ye affirmative
- 4 Propounded whether they will Except of a way for Josiah Piper
to go to meeting laid out by ye select men January 1738
as was made to appear voted in ye affirmative
- 5 It was Propounded whether ye town will Except of Joseph Barnes
Request voted in ye Negative
- 6 It was Propounded whether they will Lay out their New Ground
voted in ye affirmative all so propounded whether they will
Chuse a Constable for that Affair voted in ye affirmative
and made Chose of Lt. Thomas Wheeler John Brooks &
Joseph Barnes for a work all so propounded whether they
will Give ye Board no swift out his Hairs a Convent
Spot for a Place voted in ye affirmative & the meeting
was Dismissed

The above said way laid out for m^r Piper is marked
as folloeth viz beginning on the line between said
Pipers Land & Land belonging to the Travers Wharf is a
Gray oak tree marked then another Gray oak then a
Wallnut stump then a Gray oak then a white oak
in Land owned by Elexander Hamming After the meeting
house the marks are on the west side of the way said
way is an open way by two Rods wide Laid by Asa John
Hall Joseph Fletcher & Simon Hunt & led men Thomas
Barker & ordered on Record at the
Simon Hunt Town Clerk

Acton July 2^d 1739

to an order to Enoch Cleaveland in part 32-0-0
For keeping his mother Sheperd
August 1739 paid m^r Cleaveland in part out of ye June 30-14-0
for keeping ye widow Sheperd
October paid to Carl John Prescott for m^r m^r 30-11-8
Paid for ye widow Sheperd's Grave - - - 30-16-8

November 22^d 1739 by order to Jonathan Knight 30-8-0
Paid to Nathan Robbins for ye care of ye pound -
Same date to John Dudley paid for 2 stags to m^r parlin 30-7-0
December 2^d 1739
Paid Enoch Cleaveland for keeping ye widow Sheperd in part 30-10-0
out of m^r Barker's fine money

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- Acton may the 16th 1739 then the Select men met and appointed a town meeting to be on ye 23 of may Current at the meeting house in said Acton at one of ye Clock in the after noon to Enquire on ye articles after mentioned viz first to see if ye town will Chase a Deputy to see what money ye town will Raise to Defray Sundry Charges this present year
- 2 to hear ye Report of ye Commit that was Chosen to Lay out ye New Ground as all so to Proceed in any other thing Relating to that affare that may be thought Proper when met
- 3 to see if ye town will finness their meeting house or any Parte hereof Besides ye New
- 4 to see if ye town will Chase a Commit to make Lenth into the adjacent Bounds between Concord and Acton or do any other thing Relating to that affare
- 5 to see if ye town will Let ye Town Run at Large and if ye same was committed to ye Constables

Acton may ye 23 1739

At a General town meeting at ye meeting house in said Acton Being Legally warned as appeared by ye Return of ye Constables warrant the meeting was opened Mr Gaspar Davis was Chosen moderator for said meeting & proposed as follows first it was propounded what money the town will raise this year to Defray Sundry Charges within ye Sum voted they will raise twenty five pounds

- 2 To hear ye Report of ye Commit that was Chosen to Lay out ye new Ground in ye meeting house also it was propounded how much of ye money thought proper to propose whether they will Dispose of ye money with Respect to Road estate as in ye Valuations only to such Persons as dwell within the Limits of said Acton provided they shall presently finish them within ye term of one year Next in ye afternoon I was voted in ye affirmation of said town meeting who all so Chase a Commit to make Return at ye town meeting who shall Lenth them according to vote
- 3 Proposed whether ye town will do any more towards ye meeting house at present voted in ye negative
- 4 Propounded whether ye town will Chase a Commit to make Lenth into ye adjacent Bounds of ye Bounds between Concord and said Acton voted in ye affirmative & made of ye Select men as a Commit
- 5 to see if ye town will Let ye Town Run at Large voted in ye affirmative in the meeting was dismissed

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Acton November ye 18th 1739

Then the Select men met & appointed a town meeting to be at the meeting house in said town on ye 22 of November Current at ten of the Clock in ye fore noon to conclude on the articles hereafter mentioned viz first to Chase or Constable the Stead of Jonathan Knight 2 to Chase officers to inspect the Deer 3 to hear ye Request of a number of Littleton petitioners to see if ye town will Reconsider a vote that passed on the twenty third of may Last Concerning ye Pwes or Past Ground 4 to see if ye town will Allow Mr Samuel Prescott & Amos Prescott to Draw but one Pwe on both their Estates where as they might Draw two according to vote 5 to see if ye town will give John Davis 50 Draw a Pwe notwithstanding ye vote passed at ye Last meeting 6 to see if ye town will Chase or Empower men to prosecute such persons as Refuse to pay their Province taxes offered on them and Liberty to Draw out of ye towns money to any on said affare if need be 7 to hear ye Report of the Committee that was Chosen to see who should Draw ye Pwes as all so Pass or Confirm any other vote that may be thought proper when met Relating to that affare

Acton November ye 22nd 1739

At a General town meeting Being Legally warned as appeared by ye Return of ye Constables warrant at the meeting house in said town met & made of ye Committee of Mr Gershom Davies moderator for said meeting & proposed as folloeth viz first Chase Mr Herkiah Wheeler Constable in ye Room of Jonathan Knight 2 Chase Mr Jonathan Wheeler & Mr Samuel Jones to inspect the Deer 3 propounded whether ye town will Reconsider Littleton petitioners voted in ye affirmative 4 Propounded whether ye town will Reconsider their vote Relating to Pwes or Past Ground & it passed in ye negative Particular was dismissed the fifth article was Read & disputed and ye night Draw on ye meeting adjourned to 29th of December Next at ye meeting house in said town at one of ye Clock in ye after noon

Treasury ye 29th 1739 to an order to such Person for one pound & sixteen shillings in full for keeping ye video heperd to this day to Mr Procter 3-10-1739
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December the third 1739 at a General meeting of ye
town at ye meeting House assembled by adjourn-
ment from Novem^r ye 22nd to ye third of this instant
the moderator proposed ye 4th Article was propounded
whether Mr John Davis should have Liberty to build a
Dye in ye meeting House & it was voted in ye affirmative
ye 5th Article 7 it was propounded whether ye town will
Chuse a Committee to Ajust accounts with ye former
ye 6th Article propounded to Joseph ye 1st Article
of the Committee made Return who should Draw ye
Dues & ye 7th Article propounded for Excemption & sum Dispen-
ation about ye vote of ye moderator ordered ye 8th Article
sum objections was made about ye 2nd Article
sum of sum of ye votes & ye meeting says pur-
as the Law Directs & ye vote then passed in ye affirmative
the names of those that Returned to
Draw ye Dues Mr John Barker Mr Gershom Davies
Cap John Keate Jonathan Wheeler Samuel Prescott
Amos Prescott Ammirakamah falkner Jer Joseph
Fletcher John Brooks Simon Hunt David Furber
Thomas Law Daniel Sheperd & then the meeting
was Dissist.

January 1st Last: 1739/40 To an order to Mr John Brooks
for two pounds & ten shillings due for Gathering &
for money out of ye town Rate in } 2-10-0

February 1st 1739/40 To an order to Amos Prescott
for two pounds out of ye town Rate due for } 2-0-0
Keeping Mr Swifts horse in ye time of his probation
at ye time an order to Jonathan Parlin for
two pounds & ten shillings out of ye town } 2-10-0
Rate for his Gathering & tan Rate

January ye 2nd 1739/40
To an order to my self for two pounds & seven
shillings due for time & money Expended in } 2-7-0
making Rates for ye year 1738 out of ye
town Rate

February ye 28th 1739/40
To an order to Cap John Keate for his services in } 0-14-0
ye year 1739 in Running Lines & taking in
for Mr Hezekiah Wheeler

February ye 28th 1739/40 to an order to De Joseph
Fletcher for one pound & six shillings out of } 1-6-0
the town Rate for his services in Running Lines
all ye teen shillings out of money Expended in } 0-10-0
making Rates for ye year 1739 out of ye
town Rate in pg 23

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February ye 28th 1739/40 to an order to Mr Gershom
Davies for two pounds out of ye town Rate or Dr & Mr
David proctor to pay for time & money Expended in } 2-0-0
year 1739/40 in ye town affairs

February ye 28th 1739/40 to an order to Mr Ammirakamah
for two pounds out of ye town Rate ordered to Mr
Hezekiah Wheeler to pay it being for time & } 2-0-0
money Expended in town affairs in ye year 1739

February ye 28th 1739/40 to an order to Simon Hunt
for two pounds out of ye town Rate due for time
and money Expended in ye town affairs in ye } 2-0-0
year 1739 & ordered to Mr Proctor to pay

march ye 29th 1739/40 to an order to Nathan Robbs
for Eight shillings out of Proctors Town Rate for
the Eve of ye Pound in ye year 1739 } 0-8-0

march ye 29th 1739/40 to an order to Daniel Sheperd
for Eight shillings out of proctors Rate for keeping } 0-8-0
ye meeting house

march ye 29th 1739/40 to an order to John Sheperd
for Eight shillings out of Wheelers Rate for money } 0-8-0
which he paid for ye towns services

Adon February ye 15th 1739/40

Then ye select men met & appointed a town meeting to be
on Monday ye 3rd day of March next at ten of ye Clock
in ye fore noon to conclude on ye Articles after mentioned
viz first to Chuse town officers: 2 to see what ye town will
Do about getting waight & measures: 3 to know whether ye
town will Insist on Mr Falkners opening his Farm this
days in a year as ye Law Directs what ye Service ye other
fifth part in Great Plenty 4 to see if ye town will let
ye Swine Run at Large this year 5 to see if ye town
will Erect flocks to Insist ye youth in Reeding or
Righting or both and ye same was committed to ye
Constables

may ye 12th 1740
to an order to Enock Cleave land for Keeping & widdo Sheperd
for full } 3-2-4

Acton 1739/40 30
 March ye 3^d 1739/40 At a General Town meeting
 at ye meeting House in Acton being Legally warned
 as Appeered by ye Returns of ye Constable, warrants
 Mr Gershom Davis was Chosen moderator for sd met
 ing & proceeded as folloeth viz first Simon Hunt
 was Chosen Town Clerk Mr Gershom Davis Ammi
 Falker & Simon Hunt was Chosen select men
 Daniel Sheper & William Conant was Chosen
 Constable Mr Jonathan Wheeler John Brooks Joseph
 Wheeler David Furbush John Barker Inner was
 Chosen Surveyors of high ways; David Brooks
 William Cutting Titus Law & Mark White Inner was
 Chosen hogreeves Jonathan Billing was Chosen town
 Treasurer Nathan Robbins Chosen tiding man Samuel
 Jones & John Davis Chosen Deers men Mr John Barker
 Chosen Sealer of wrights & measures Samuel Hayward
 Chosen Sealer of wrights & measures Josiah piper pound keeper
 and laston & propounded whether ye town will Give wrights
 and measures voted in ye Negative not at present
 3 Propounded whether ye town would have Mr Falker
 Dam opened as ye Law directs & ye article was Dismiss
 4 Propounded whether ye Swine shall Run at Large this
 7 Voted in ye affirmative
 5 It was propound whether ye town will Erect schools for
 Reading or Righting & Passed in ye Negative
 Then ye meeting was Dismiss

Acton March ye 25th 1739/4
 then ye select men met & Appointed a Town meeting to
 be on ye 29th of March Current at ye meeting House at
 at four of ye Clock in ye afternoon to Consider on ye
 articles after mentioned viz first to Chuse apers for ye
 Injuring year & to se if ye town will Except of a way
 Laid out by ye select men to Accomodate ye South
 west part of said town as will be made to appear by a
 Return of said way at ye meeting: & ye same was
 Committed to ye Constables

Taken up by L^o Simon Hunt of Acton one
 Black Ram with Horns Marked with a flit in the
 Ear of the off Ear and a half Crop in the
 Rear Ear Acton September ye 5th 1744

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Acton March ye 24th 1739/40
 At a General town meeting being Legally warned
 as Appeered by ye Returns of ye warrants at ye
 meeting House in said town at four of ye Clock
 In ye after Noon Mr Gershom Davis was Chosen
 moderator for said meeting also he & Ammi Falker
 & Simon Hunt was Chosen select men & ye article
 was Continued to next meeting in March &
 then ye meeting was Dismiss

Acton May ye Third 1740

then ye select men of said town met & Appointed a town
 meeting to be on ye twelfth of May Instant at ye meeting House
 in said town at four of ye Clock in ye afternoon to Consider
 on ye articles hereafter mentioned viz first to se if ye town
 will Chose a Deputy: & to se what money ye town will
 to Defray W^h salary Charges within ye same this present
 year: & to se whether ye town will Allow longer time
 to those persons that was to buels their Swes by ye 23 of
 May Instant to do that work in: & to se whether ye town will
 furnish ye Rest of ye meeting House & Chose a Commett for
 that purpose to Let out said work ye same as was Com
 to ye Constables

Acton May ye 12th 1740
 at a General town meeting at ye meeting house
 in said being Legally warned as Appeered by ye
 Returns of ye warrants & Dea^r Hoald was Chosen
 moderator for said meeting & proceeded as folloeth
 1 viz propounded what money ye town will Raise to
 Defray W^h salary Charges within ye same this present
 year voted May 24th 1740 pound
 2 It was propounded to ye town whether they will Give
 3 the persons that was to build their by ye 23 of May Instant
 one longer to do that work & it was voted in ye affirmative
 4 It was propounded whether ye town will furnish ye Rest of
 7 the meeting House & Chuse a Commett
 Commett to provide materials & marring ye affare & was voted
 In ye affirmative & made Chose of Mr Zachariah Em
 ery Nathan Robbins Samuel Jones Jonathan Billing John Hap
 & Commett for that purpose & then ye meeting was Dismiss

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September 23rd 1740 to an order to Mr. Enrich Cleveland
for one pound & two shillings for four pieces in full
for keeping ye widow Shepard - 3-2-4

Treasury 27th 1740/1

to an order to ye widow Mary Shepard for full for
keeping ye widow Elisebeth Shepard - 3-11-0

February 27th 1740/1

To an order to Daniel Shepard for his services
in caring out John Howard & family in part - 3-10-0

March 2nd 1740/1

to an order to Jonathan Wheeler for four shillings 3-4-0

ye same day an order to my self for my services & money 3-10-0

Expended in ye year 1740

April 26th 1741 to an order to 3-15-0

Copied paper for one pound & fifteen shillings
for his taking care of ye meeting house
to an order for two pounds to my self not before
in page 29 in ye year 1739/4 3-0-0

May 15th 1741 to an order to Nathan Robbins 3-0-0

for Eight shillings due for ye Rose of ye pound 3-0-0

Treasury 27th 1741 to an order to ye widow Shepard 3-14-4

for full for keeping ye widow Shepard - 3-14-4

April 1741 Being Notified by the by the select
men of Concord to perambulate ye Line between ye said
Town of Concord & Acton. Corn. John Flint. David Melvin &
Stephen Hoxmer of Concord & John Brooks Simon Hunt Andrew
Derby of Acton Did join in ye affair began at Ludbury Corner
up & down first a Stake and Stone & a Stake & Stone on the Post
of an oaks pine tree ye 3rd ditto 4 an oaks pine of ten marked
5 a Large pine 6 a heap of Stumps on a Large Rock Land
brook 7 a heap of Stumps at Baptists meadow 8 a heap of Stumps
on ye root of an oaks pine 9 a black oaks tree & Stumps Stumps a
bottle it 10 a heap of Stumps 11 a black oaks 12 a heape of Stumps
13 a black oaks or walnut 14 a heap of Stumps on a Large Rock
15 a heape of Stumps 16 a heape of Stumps 17 a heape of
Stumps on ye Root of a Large Elm which was of Lathum
which Remained &c

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Treasury 23rd 1740/1 then the select men met & appointed
a town meeting to be on ye 2 day of March at ten of ye
Clock at ye meeting house in said town to Consider on ye
articles here after mentioned 4th

- 1 first to Choose town officers for ye ensuing year
- 2 to be if ye town would agree to have a Reading interiny
and moving school for six months or do any other thing
Relating to that affair that may be thought proper when
- 3 to be if ye town will agree to pay their town Rate m Land
bank money
- 4 to here the mind of the town Relating to ye Charge that
aris on ye Account of John Howard
- 5 to be if ye town will agree to provide Powder & Bullets to be
Kept as a Town Stock
- 6 to be if ye town will Except of a way Laid out by ye
select men in ye Southwest part of said town Reford
to this meeting
- 7 to here ye Request Samuel Jones & Joseph Barnes as shall
be further made to appear at said meeting
- 8 to be if ye town will Let ye same Run at Large this year
the same was committed to ye Constables

March 2nd 1740/1 at a fine town meeting
being Legally assembled as appeared by ye Returns of ye warrant
mt Zacariah Emery was Chosen moderator for ye meeting
Simon Hunt town Clerk & select men also John Brooks
and Andrew Derby & ye select men was speakers and Jonathan
Trilling town treasurer Samuel Jones Nathan Robbins was
Chosen Constables Zacariah Emery Joseph Barnes John
Hunt Jonathan Hoxmer Ezekiel Davis Titus Laid
was Chosen surveyors of high ways Mr John Berker sealer of
weights & measures John Davis James & Samuel Wheeler James was
Chosen Dees & referees David Furber David Procter Henry
Refere Enock Cleveland Michael Robbins all sworn as ye Law is
2 propounded whether ye town shall keep a school six months work
in ye after meeting
- 3 article Continued till may meeting
- 4 article Left with ye selectmen as they shall be advised
- 5 propounded whether they shall town Stock of Powder & Bullets
- 6 propounded whether ye town will Except of a way Laid out
by ye select men in ye Southwest part of said town from then
to Concord Line voted in ye affirmative Recorded in page

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7 Propounded Samuel Jones & Joseph Barnes Request & Dismiss
 & Propounded whether ye same Run at Large this year voted
 in ye affirmative and ye meeting was Dismiss

the way before described as folloeth viz. beginning at ye end of
 Stephens fairs Lane neere flow line at a heap of flosses then to
 to a small pine tree to another small pine then to a heap of
 flosses on a Rock all in sd fairs land then to a white oak in
 his land then to a small white oak in ~~the same~~ ^{the same} then to a
 Gray oak then to a white oak then to a white oak being in
 Cummys land & soon after as ye way now goes to a Stake
 and flosses on Jonathan Cobbleth his land then to ye end of Thomas fairs
 3rd rail fence then to a Stake and flosses in Thomas fairs land then
 wide to a small white oak neere Symon Brooks his South East Corner then to
 to a large white oak in fairs land then to a small white oak
 by ye old way then turning South as ye way runs to a Stake in
 fairs fence then as ye fence goes over ye bridge to Gray oak
 then to a large white oak as ye way runs & as ye trees are marked
 while it runs to Simon Hunt Land to a black oak marked then a
 small white oak in a pond hole then as ye fence stand while it runs
 in to ye old way ye before sd way is three Rods wide & ye
 2nd marks are on ye South west side of ye way then as ye way
 wide goes to Samuel Jones Inner his land to a white oak marked
 then to a black oak with flosses about it then to a North
 west Corner of sd Jones his orchard wall then turning & turn-
 ing as ye wall stands then to a Gray oak then to a white oak
 2nd then beginning in Titus Laws Land a black oak marked
 wide then turning Northwily to a white oak then a black oak then
 to a black oak then a Gray oak then a black oak by a little bridge
 white oak then a heap of flosses on a Rock by a little bridge
 or Caseway the way is on ye North side of ye way
 2nd then beginning on ye East of John Brooks his house in his
 wide land Easterly as ye trees are marked to a bit of wall then
 to a pine ye marks are on ye South side of ye way then a
 pine then a pine then to ye end of Laws wall so as ye
 wall & fence stands over ye bridge as ye way now goes
 to a large Rock on ye top of ye hill then as ye trees are
 marked to Concord line three Rods wide from Brooks
 land to ye end and all ye before described way
 to be an open way and all ye persons concerned
 in it Land freely Consentin thereto and fully
 satisfied therefor said way was laid out by ye select
 men viz Simon Hunt and Ammirhem Hall neer

Excepted by ye Town March 2nd 1741
 ordered on Record Attest Simon Hunt Town Clerk

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April 20th 1741 being notified by ye select men of ston
 viz Benjamin Rales Joshua Whitney Nathan wintney for wintney
 to meet them on order; ye select men of ston appointed: John Brooks
 Place ston brooks fairs land & Farr of ston appointed: John Brooks
 Simon Hunt of ston by agreement In order to preambulate &
 Line & runne ye marks between ye said towns: began at ye South East
 mark neere ye River being a white ditch in a wall & a large maple
 3 a white oak 4 a Dead oak then agreed to 5 marks in Iron work
 meadow Swamp then beginning at Robbins his orchard to a wall cut tree
 in wall 6 a Horn Beam: then computed to several marks in a nursery
 white pine Swamp being all white pines then 7 a white oak tree
 neer a Little Dam 8 a Stake and flosses 9 a Stake & flosses 10
 a white oak tree odd by ye side of a Swamp 11 a heap of flosses
 neer by: 12 a white oak on ye hill 13 a maple tree in a Swamp
 14 a black oak with flosses set up against it 15 formerly a black
 Smith now a heap of flosses & Stake 16 a Large heap of flosses & Stake
 on the side of a large Hill where there is several marks made
 on trees neer by this being the Corner of ston and several times demolished
 which was supposed to be done by ston people
 was Eruled & renewed as folloeth viz most of ye ston
 being removed it was disputed whether it was ye Corner or not
 ston people being very contrary about it it was agreed upon
 by each party that if it could appear by Evidence sufficiently
 to be of Antient ground or Corner to renew ye same Cor. John
 Flint Esq. & Cor. James Minott Esq. being present together
 with many of Concord ston and ston people it was decided
 that their was any persons present had any knowledge of ston
 to manifest it: and Lth Joseph Wright William Wheeler & Stephen
 ston men of Concord and Abraham wintney of ston had ye following
 oath administered to them by Cor. Flint to this Effect that ye Evidence
 that they should give in Relating to that Corner or any other
 mark to be preambulated and in answering all such Questions of
 should be asked by each party concerned to be of truth & whole
 truth & nothing but ye truth whose Evidence was full to ye purpose
 all ye a Copy of ye Return of ye General Courts Com^{tee} was Recd
 to Except time & ye ground Recd renewed and ye next mark was
 a large Red oak by a little hill being ye 17th mark 18 a heap
 of flosses on a little stony pine plane against Nat wheels
 19 a heap of flosses at ye foot of an old Red oak tree neer
 Benjamin Rales fairs land 20th & last a Swamp oak neer
 ye corner all ye before mentioned marks was renewed &
 to by each town

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- Acton may 8th Eighteenth 1741 the select men of said town met & concluded on a town meeting to be on twenty second day of may current at 9 o'clock in said town at one of 9 o'clock in said town to conclude on 9 articles, after mentioned viz first to be if of town will chose sum person to Represent them at of Grant & Gincivil Court
- 2 to be what money the town will Raise to Defray Relating Charges arising within the same this year
 - 3 to know if mind of the town how or in what manner they will have there school or schools kept & supported
 - 4 to be what of town will do Relating Land Bank
 - 5 to be what of town will do about Littleton Line or any other thing Relating to that affare the same Commet to the Constable

at a Gincivil town meeting of the Inhabitants of said town met at 9 o'clock meeting House being legally warned as appeared by of Return of of warrants Mr Joseph Fletcher was made a moderator for said meeting & proposed as follows viz

- 1 It was propounded whether they will chose a man to Represent them at of Grant & Gincivil Court voted in of Negative
- 2 propounded what money of town will Raise to Defray Relating Charges voted they will fifty five pounds
- 3 It was propounded how they will order of school or schools and support of same voted they will Dismiss of article
- 4 of forth article was Dismiss
- 5 propounded what they will do about Littleton Line voted they will chose a Commet to manage of of school of that affare & made choice of Mr Samuel Wheeler & John Cragg

December 23rd 1741 to an order to John Shepard for four pounds of school of his Demands on of town of Acton Relating to of meeting House 4-0-0

January 24th 1741 to an order to Joseph Fletcher for five shillings for money of meeting House 0-5-0

March 1st 1741/2 to an order to Josiah piper for taking care of the meeting House in full 3-0-0

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March the first 1741/2 to an order to Amos falkner for two pounds due to him for time & money Expended in of town's business in of year 1740 it being in full 2-0-0

June to an order to John Brooks for four pounds ten shillings in full due to him for time & money Expended in the service of the town in of year 1741 4-10-0

June to an order to my self for five pounds for time & money Expended in of select men & Asses in the year 1741 in full 5-0-0

June to an order to Andrew Derby for four pounds seven shilling for time & money Expended in of town's service in of year 1741 in full 4-7-0

June to an order to Capt. George Hornes for two pounds for money & time Expended in of year 1740 2-0-0

May 2nd 1742 to an order to David Porter for two pounds eight shillings ^{in pence} ~~shillings~~ ^{shillings} ~~shillings~~ on his Rales 2-8-10

February 26th 1742/3 to an order to Andrew Derby for time and money Expended in of year 1742 2-10-0

February 26th 1742/3 to an order to John Brook for time Expended in the year 1742 2-10-0

February 26th 1742/3 to an order to Simon Hunt for money & time Expended in of year 1742 3-0-0

February 26th 1742/3 to an order to thezekiah Wheeler for two pounds ^{in pence} ~~shillings~~ ^{shillings} ~~shillings~~ on his Rales 2-0-10

February 26th 1742/3 to an order to Nathan Robbins for 2-19-3 for Jacob Hucker's Rates all so 3-2-9 on 3-17-7

Jonathan Russel's Rates all so 1-17-7 on 3-17-7

March 2nd 1742/3 to an order to of widow Shepard for nine pounds & six pence for keeping her sister Elizabeth Shepard in full to this day 9-0-0

March 2nd 1742/3 loan order on of account of ^{wholly sum} ~~sum~~ his rates to William Conant 3-12-0

March 2nd 1742/3 to an order to Josiah piper for keeping of meeting House 3-3-0

March 2nd 1742/3 to an order to William Conant for his carrying John mearney out of town 3-15-0

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February 26th 1741/2 the select men met and Agreed on a town meeting to be on ye first day of march next to Consider & Conclude on the Articles hereafter mentioned to Chuse town officers for the year In being

- 2 to hear & Consider of the Request of the Reard m^r John Swifts Request
- 3 to se if ye town woud have a money scoll to instruct & youth in Reading & Righting ye present year
- 4 to se if ye town will agree to have those men that enjoy ye privilage of peas Rated for those privilage
- 5 to if the town will agree to sell ye pew Ground that is not yett Buill upon to ye highest bidders as all so Chuse a Committ^{ee} to manage that affare
- 6 to se if ye town will agree to finish their meeting house and Chuse a Committ^{ee} to manage it affare
- 7 to se if ye town will Let ye swim run at Large & present and the same was Commeted to the Constable

April ye 23 1744

Being notified by the select men of Concord to perambulate the line between the Towns of Concord and Acton Deacon Sam^l Haywood and Lev^l David Halven of Concord and John Brooks John Davis Jun^r and Jonathan Hopmer of Acton did Joyn in the affare and did Renew the marks from Judbury Corner that was formerly Renewed till it came to a greent Edon ramp in the brook near John Parlings which was the last mark Renewed

April ye 30 1744

Being notified by the select men of Acton to perambulate the line between the Towns of Acton and Billerica Ebenezer and Lev^l Sam^l Stevens of Acton and Lev^l Simon Hunt and Jonathan Hopmer of Acton did Joyn in the affare and did Renew all the former Bound marks that was last Renewed from Judbury to Littleton

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Acton march 25th 1742 at a Generel Town meeting being legally warned as Appeered by the Return of the Constable: Mr Joseph Fletcher was Chosen moderator for sd meeting & proceeded as followeth Simon Hunt was Chosen Town Clerk Samuel Haywood & first Constable David Furber was Chosen & second Constable Simon Hunt Andrew Derby & John Brooks were Chosen select men & Assessors Jonathan Billing was Chosen Treas^r amon^g Talner Timothy brook mark White Samuel Davis Daniel Shaper & Zecariah Emery Surveyors of highways: John Davis John Frey in Deers men; Josiah pipe William Cutting France owners: Joseph Berns Ezekiel Davis Titus Laod David Proter: hog Reeser m^r Barker sealer of weights & measures

- 2 voted to subscribe to the Rea m^r Swift
- 3 article propounded & Negative
- 4 propounded & passed in & Negative
- 5 passed in & Negative
- 6 passed in & Negative
- 7 propounded & passed in the affirmative and then the meeting was Dismiss

April ye 25th 1744
Being notified By the select men of Littleton to perambulate the line between the Towns of Littleton and Acton Capt Joseph Baker and Deacon Caleb Taylor of Littleton and John Eagen and Andrew Derby of Acton did Joyn in the affare and began at the South by parit^l Chagoy Pond 1 a heap of stones 2 a black oak 3 a white oak 4 to a heap of stones 5 to a white oak 6 to a white oak about 14 Rods East of fort pond Brook

May ye 14 1744
Being notified by the select men of Billerica to perambulate the line between the Towns of Billerica and Acton Capt Robert Christopher asgood of Billerica and Deacon John Hunt and Andrew Derby of Acton did Joyn in the affare and began at a white oak between Shelmsford and Billerica running North to a white oak then a black oak then to a heap of stones at the corner then turning South East to a white oak in Joseph Parlings wall.

Acton may 11th 1742 ⁴⁰ The Select men met and agreed on a town meeting to be on the 21st of may Current at repeating in said town on the articles here after mentioned viz. first to be if the town will Chouse him person to Represent them at ye Gravel and Gineril Court

- 2 to be What if town will do Relating the Committ^{ee} that was Chossen formerly to Glaze of meeting House that they they may have there money
- 3 to be What money the Town will Raise to Defray Necessary Charges this present year
- 4 to be If the town will Reconsider their former vote passed at the town meeting in march the first 1741 Relating to the New Ground which is not built upon nor disposed of in our meeting House as all so to be if town will do just to sell the New Ground in our meeting House which is not yet built upon to the highest bidders in our town to lay the money out towards finishing of meeting House so that Every proprietor of the meeting may have his proper Right in the same and to be if the town will make Choyce of a Committ^{ee} to manage that affair as may shew by a Request at said meeting
- 5 to be if the town will Give Liberty to Mr Jonathan Wheeler to build the Paw that was formerly voted to him by the vote of the town as will apper by his Request at said meeting
- 6 to be if the town will agree to Chose a Committ^{ee} to provide materials to finish of meeting House or any part of it as the town shall agree when met and the same was Committed to the Constables

January 21st 1742: to an order of Nathan Robens for three pounds & four teen shillings due to him allowed on Byantons & Mr Emerys Rates & the Exp^{se} of 8 pound 3-14-
march 4th 1742 13 to an order to Nathan Robens for six shillings & nine pence allowed on John Dudleys province Rate 30-6-9

Acton 1742 / 41 may the twenty first 1742 at a Gineril Town meeting at the meeting house in said town being legally warned as appers by the Return of the warrant being met presided as follows ^{the meeting being opened} ~~the meeting being opened~~ whether the town will Chouse a Deputy Colat in the Negative then Mr and Mrs Derby was Chossen moderator for said meeting

- 2 proposed Whether the town will allow the Committ^{ee} Request that was Chossen to Glaze the meeting House voted in the Negative
- 3 it was propounded What money the town will Raise to Defray Necessary Charges this present year voted they will Raise thirty pounds
- 4 it was propounded Whether the town will Reconsider their former vote passed in march the 21st 1741 Relating to the New Ground that is not yet built upon voted in the affirmative all so propounded whether the town will Chose a Committ^{ee} to manage the affair voted in the affirmative and made Choyce of Mr Mark White Jonathan Bullins & Nathaniel Robens as a Committ^{ee} for that purpose

- 5 article propounded in Dismiss
- 6 propounded Whether the town will finish the meeting house all above the Gallery sell to gather with the floor voted in the affirmative all so propounded Whether they will Chouse a Committ^{ee} to provide materials and to the work Dun voted in the affirmative and made Choyce of Saml Joney mark ^{son of} Junior and Garthom Davis Junior to manage the affair then the meeting was Dismiss

Acton December 24th 1742 then the select men met & Approved a town meeting to be on a ~~day~~ ^{day} of December Current at the meeting house in said town at mid or clock after noon to Consider on the articles here after mentioned viz.

- 1 to have a mind of the town Relating peter murriss
- 2 to be whether ye town will have a school
- 3 to be whether if town will Chose a Committ^{ee} to go on with finishing of meeting house according to if vote of ye town or do any other thing on the affair
- 4 to be if ye town will allow ye Committ^{ee} that was Chossen to Glaze of meeting House there Demands or do any thing in it
- 5 to be if ye town will allow ben hay in stead of freddick
- 6 to be whether select men shall make no further Rule the same was Com^{it} to 2 Constables

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December 27th 1742 at a General Town meeting being legally warned as appeared by the Return of the selectmen for said meeting met at the meeting house in said town & made choice of Mr John Brooks for moderator & proceeded as follows viz

- 1 It was propounded whether the select men should bind out Peter Morfic voted they will Dismiss that article.
- 2 propounded whether the Committee that was chosen to finish the meeting house should let out the work to be finished within 9 years of one year West Insuring voted in affirmative
- 3 Dismiss
- 4 Article propounded Passed in the Negative
- 5 propounded whether the town will except of Samuel Heyward in the room of David Furber voted in the Negative
- 6 the sixth article was Dismiss

and then the meeting was Dismiss

- Tuesday 28th 1742/3 then the select men met & appointed a town meeting to be at the meeting house in said town on the first Monday of March at ten of the clock in the fore noon then and there to consider on the articles here after mentioned viz to Chuse town officers for 9 years Insuring
- 1 to here & consider on the Request of the Reaverd Mr John Swift respecting his salary & paye any vote that may be thought proper when met / to be if the town will Chuse sum person or persons to Esponse there Petition at the Grant & General Court or manage any other affare Relating to a Contry Road laid out from warlham to Flow Road In cuton at the Request of Mr Rusel & others
 - 2 to here Mr Samuel Wheelers Request to act on the same
 - 3 to here & Request of Samuel Prescott & others as follows first to be if the town will Chuse a Committee to Recen with the present town Treasurer & all those that have served as town treasurers in said town since 9 year 1735 to be what of the town money is due in there hands 2 to be if the town will Chuse a Committee to Call all those that were select men & assessors of the said town of action for and since 9 year 1735 to an account to & how they have disposed of the town money and to Reckon & a just account with them Relating to the same & make return of there doing at the next town meeting

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also to be if the town will vote that the Committee that was Chosen to fix the meeting house should be paid out of the town stock
or to be if the town will let the swine run at large 9 year Insuring: the same way Committed to the Constable

march 2nd 7th 1742/3

- at a General town meeting being legally warned as appeared by the Return of the Constable: at the meeting house in said town John Joseph Fletcher was Chosen moderator for said meeting and proceeded as follows Simon Hunt was Chosen town Clerk & select men William Cutting John Davis Junior was Chosen Constable Andrew Derby & Jonathan Horsmer select men Jonathan Billing town treasurer John Crogin Samuel Davis Samuel Jones was Chosen assessors / Ezekiah Wheeler Andrew Derby amos prescott titus Law Gaspar Davis Junior was Chosen surveyors of high ways Samuel Heyward William Connant tax collectors: Timothy Brooks John Law Thomas while was Chosen Hay Reefes Mr John Barker was Chosen sealer of wrights & measures
- 2 The Reaverd Mr John Swifts Recd & Considered & It was propounded whether they would add fifty pounds old tenor to Mr Swifts salary this present year & if passed in affirmative
 - 3 propounded whether the town sum person to act for them at the Grant & General Court Relating to a Contry Road laid from Warlham in to said town voted that Simon Hunt manage that affare
 - 4 Samuel Wheelers Request was heard and voted it be continued to the next meeting
 - 5 Mr Samuel Prescott & others Request & propounded whether they will Chuse a Committee to Examen the town treasurers votes at phinches as good Joseph Berry & John Davis be a Committee for that affare: also propounded whether they will Chuse a Committee to call the select men & assessors to an account voted that if the same Committee manage it affare all propounded whether the Committee it was Chosen to close the meeting house should have there money out of the town stock voted in the affirmative
 - 6 It was propounded whether the swine run at large this present year voted in affirmative then the meeting was Dismiss

May 13th 1743 ⁴⁴ at a Gineril Town meeting

The select men met & appointed a Town meeting to be on the Twentieth of May Current at the meeting House in said Town to Consider & Conclude on 4 articles here after mentioned viz first to L^e if the town Chose a Deputy 2. to here the Report of the Commett that was Choozen to Adjust accounts with the town Treasurer and select men 3. to here a Request of Samuel Wheeler Refere to this meeting 4. to L^e what money the Town will Raise to Defray Necessary Charges within the same 5. to L^e what money the town will Raise towards Finishing & meeting House also to L^e whether the town will agree that any money be forth with Assesed to L^e how many days Each man shall work at the High ways this year and the same way Comacted to a Constable

May the 20th 1743 at a Gineril Town meeting being legally warned as appeared by a Constable next at the meeting House Andrew Derby was Choozen moderator ~~first~~ No person Chosen Deputy

1. proposed whether a town will Except of the Report of a Commett that was Choozen to Adjust accounts with a town Treasurer & select men voted in the affirmative
Said Report was as follows Town treasurer D.^r 47-02-09
D.^r Joseph ~~Wheeler~~ Filcher D.^r 17-02-1
D.^r Joseph ~~Wheeler~~ Filcher D.^r 12-7-5

2. mark White hands towards Glazing a meeting House 42-0-0

3. It was proposed whether Samuel Wheeler shall be Excused from working at the High ways for two years voted in the affirmative

4. proposed what money the town will Raise towards necessary Charges this year voted ~~one hundred~~ ^{twenty} pounds and tenor

5. proposed what money they will raise for a meeting House voted one hundred pounds and tenor

6. proposed how many days Each man shall work at the High ways this year voted they work three days a man and then a meeting was Dismiss

September 3rd 1743 ⁴⁵ to and order to L^{ut} Thomas Wheeler for two pounds and tenor towards Glazing the meeting House 32-0-0

December 6th 1743

To an order to Samuel Jones for 2-17-9 Remitted }
on James Smith; at all 1-10-1 on Samuel Davis } 7-15-10

December 14th 1743

To an order to David Furber for two pounds six shillings & eight pence remitted on Nathaniel powers his Railes and tenor 2-6-8

January 21st 1743

To an order to m^rs ~~Shepherd~~ ^{Cherry} for keeping the Widow Shepherd from 4th of March 1742/3 to this day in full for doctering & boarding }
out tenor 6-19-2

February 15th 1743/4

to an order to Andrew Derby for one pound and tenor for time Expended in the town Levy }
In the year 1743 5-0

at the same time to an order to Jonathan Horner for one pound and five shillings and tenor for time Expended in a year 1743 }
at the same time an order myself for four pounds nine shillings and tenor for money & time Expended }
In going to a Civil Court meeting & Commett at midford Return three warrants to Court & other }
time & Expence in the town in year 1743 7-9-0

February 20th 1743/4 to order to the Commett }
that was Choozen to Finish a meeting House for }
one hundred pounds and tenor }
March 4th 1743/4 to order to Dek^r Redd }
for three pounds and tenor for Glazing the }
meeting House his whole Demands }
30-0-0

February 25th 1743/4

To an order to the Commett that was Choozen to adjust accounts with the Town Treasurers and select men }
for two pounds fourteen shillings }
and tenor }
2-14-0

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December 12 1743 then the select men met & appointed a town meeting to be at the meeting house on Friday 28 Ninth Day of December Enarrant to consider & Conclude on the articles hereafter mentioned viz to be if the town will agree to have a Reading & Righting School: as also if they shoud agree to have one: to be what money the Town will Raise to support of: as also what method the Town will take that Each part may of the Town may have the privilege & Benefit of The same or otherwise agree to pay any other vote that may be thought proper when met Relaiting to that affare. The same was committed to the Constables

December 19th 1743
at a General Town meeting at the meeting House it being legally warned as appeared by the Return of the Constables on the warrants Capt Garthorn Davis was Chosen moderator for said meeting & it was propounded Whether if the town will agree to have a Reading & Righting School voted in the affirmative also propounded what money the town will Raise to support the same. voted they will Raise Eighteen pounds out tenor: also propounded whether the town will Chuse a Committee to Divide the town into three parts & Each part have Its Equal perportion according to there pay voted in the affirmative & propounded whether the Officers viz Saml Davis John Gayin and Samuel Jones be a Committee for the affare voted in the affirmative and then the meeting was dismissed

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February the Eighteenth 1743/4 then the select men met & appointed a town meeting to be at the meeting House on the first Monday of March at Ten of the Clock in the fore noon then to consider and Conclude on the Articles hereafter mentioned viz 1 first to Chuse Town officers for the year Enfuing
2 To see if the Town will Except of a bit of way Laid out by the select men from the meeting House Road near Andrews Darbys to Concord Line as will appear by the Return of said way at the meeting 3 To see if the Town will Discontinue a part of that way that was formerly Laid out from Timothy Charrers over the great Brook Towards the meeting House
4 Except of the way as lately Laid out from Near Jais Farmers Barn where the way now goes over the bridge as will further appear at said meeting 4 To see if the Town will Agree to Build a bridge over the Great Brook near Patham hobbles or other ways Ege Hugh Toftler as will further be made appear at the meeting & also see if the Town will hear and grant the Request of Josiah Piper and Daniel Shepers as shall be made to appear at said meeting
5 To see if the Town will agree to Repair their ways by a Rate as also what money they will Raise for that purpose or agree to pass any other vote Relaiting to that affare
6 To see if the Town will agree to Let the wine Run bet Large the year Enfuing 18 To see if the Town will Buy the Pains of Nathan Robbins the same was committed to the Constables

March 1st 1743/4
at a General Town meeting at the meeting House it being legally warned as appeared by the Return of the Constables on the warrants Mr John Brooks was Chosen moderator for said meeting and proceeded as follows viz Jonathan Hojne was Chosen Town Clerk and Select man and Titus Low and Samuel Jones were Chosen Constables John Brooks Andrew Darby was Chosen select men and the select men were Chosen Assessors Jonathan Billing Town Treasurer Daniel Fletcher and Timothy Farmers Nathaniel Wheeler Josiah Piper and Daniel Shepers were Chosen surveyors of High ways Mr John Barker Teacher of wards and measured David Brooks and Benjamin Lamson fence viewers
Propounded whether the Town would Except of a bit of way Laid out from near Andrews Darbys to Concord Line voted on the affirmative
Propounded to see if the Town will Discontinue a part of the way Leading from near Timothy Farmers Barn Towards the meeting House voted on the affirmative
Then it was propounded whether the Town would Except of a bit of way Leading from Timothy Farmers Barn towards the meeting House and voted on the affirmative
4 article voted on the affirmative

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3 it was propounded to see if the Town would grant the Request of Josiah piper and Daniel shepherd which was to have Liberty to Cut one window between their pens and one window at the back side of sheperds pens and they would keep them in Repair voted on the affirmative

6 it was propounded to see if the Town would agree to Repair their ways by this present year by a rate voted on the affirmative then it was propounded how much money the Town would raise for the High ways voted one Hundred and Fifty pounds (old Tenor) then it was propounded how much the Town would allow men a day for working at the ways voted Eight shillings a day till the first of September and then six shillings a day till Trior then it was propounded to see how much the Town would allow a day for a pair of oxen voted four shillings and one shilling and six pence a day for a Cart (old Tenor) then it was propounded to see what time a day men must begin to work at the Highways voted at eight a Clock then it was propounded whether they should have a Clock at the Highways voted on the affirmative

7 it was propounded to see if the Town should run at Large this present year voted on the affirmative

8 it was propounded to see if the Town would Dismiss the Last article voted on the affirmative and then the meeting was Dismiss

February ye 13: 1743/4 Then Laid out by the select men a High way beginning on the High way Leading from John parlins to the meeting House between James Dorriss Land and William Conants Land a Rod on each to a small white oak marked in D Conants Land then to a walnut stake and so to Concord between D Lotte D marks are on the furtherly side of D way

February ye 15: 1743/4 Then Laid out by the select men a High way beginning at a heap of stones four Rods from Timothy Charvats barn the north corner of it then to a stake in D Dorriss fence then Leveing a convenient watering below the bridge then to a pine stake then a black oak stump then by John Dorriss wall to a pair of Bars then to a pine tree then a pine stake then to a pine tree then to a black oak then to a gray oak then to a white oak by the way Leading from D Dorriss to the meeting House D marks being on the northerly side of D way D way is three Rods wide

the select men that Laid out and new Dorriss said ways was Jonathan Hopner

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march ye 5: 1743/4
To an order to Josiah piper for two pound four shillings old Tenor it being in full for his taking Care of the meeting House ——— 3-4-0

march ye 5: 1743/4
To an order to John Prager for Twelve shillings old Tenor it being for his service in full for making Rates at the same time an order to Saml Jones for one pound old Tenor in full for his service for making Rates ——— 3-1-0

at the same time an order to Saml Davis for Two pounds and Eight shillings old Tenor it being in full for his service for making Rates ——— 3-2-8-0

march ye 11: 1743/4 To another order to mark white for six shillings old Tenor it being Remitted on his brother Chamberlins Rates ——— 3-0-6-0

march ye 11: 1743/4
To an order to Saml Heywood for one pound two shillings and Eight pence old Tenor it being Remitted on Timothy Charvats Rates ——— 3-1-2-8

march ye 30: 1744
To an order to Mr Natham Robins for seventeen shillings and six pence (old Tenor) it being for the use of the pound the two years past and for making an Hook for the meeting House Door it being the whole of his Demands ——— 3-0-17-6

may ye 19: 1744
To an order to Mr David Tronby for five shillings old Tenor it being Remitted on John Melvicks Rates ——— 3-0-5-0

November 15: 1744
To an order to Aaron Fletcher for twelve pounds six shillings and six pence for glazing the meeting House the whole of his Demands ——— 12-6-6
also for three shillings for Kuning Lines ——— 0-3-0

November ye 24: 1744
To an order to Daniel shepherd for five pounds fifteen shillings and Eight pence old Tenor it being in full for his keeping the Widow shepherd until this day ——— 5-15-8

November ye 30: 1744
To an order to Mr Mark White for four pounds old Tenor for keeping school ——— 4-0-0

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being notified by the select men of Chelmsford to
perambulate the Line between the Towns of Chelmsford
and Andover and Deacon Adams and Daniel brother of Chelmsford
and Andrew Farby and John Davis joined of Andover did join in
affairs beginning at a heap of stones then East to a pine
stump and stones then to a pine stump and stones in
Emeris meadow then a heap of stones on a pine stump
then a pine tree head in virginia meadow then to a white
oak tree where Billerica and Chelmsford Corner is
may ye 14. 1744

- May ye 18. 1744 met
Then the select men appointed a Town meeting to be
at the meeting house ~~on Friday the twenty~~
fifth day of may at one of the clock in the afternoon to
consider & conclude on the articles here after mentioned
viz 1 To see if the Town will agree to Chuse a person to
represente them at the Great and General Court to be
holden at Boston on the Thirtieth day of this present may
2 To see if the Town will agree to make good the Red
m^r John Swifts salary for the year Enjuing according to
the Contract made with him as also to see if the Town will
agree to Chuse two men to joyn with two men that the
Red m^r Swift shall Chuse to Apportion of salary according
to agreement
3 To see what money the Town will Raise to Defrey ~~some~~
necessary Charges that shall arise this present year within the
4 To see if the Town will agree to Finish the Body of seats
in their meeting House this present year as also to Chuse
a Committee for that purpose
5 To see if the Town will agree that Every man shall have
Liberty to work out his Kate for the High ways this present year
6 To see if the Town will agree to have a Reading & a write
ing School this present year as also to see what money the
Town will Raise to support the same as also to see when
the Town will agree to begin a school as also to see what
shall have there Proportion of the Town
7 To see if the Town will agree that m^r David Forbush
shall have Liberty to make a window against his pen
in Case he keeps it in Repair and the same was
Committed to the Constables

January ye 17. 1744
Town order to Nathaniel Palmer for four pounds
of silver it being for m^r services in keeping school
to be paid out of the school money
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May ye 24. 1744 61

- At a general Town meeting at the meeting House it
being Legally warned as appeared by the Returns of the Constables
on the 24th of May the meeting was opened and it was propounded
to see if the Town would Chuse a Deputy and it passed in the
Affirmative and then Lem Simon Aker was Chosen moderator for
the meeting and proceeded on the second Article In the evening
it was propounded to see if the Town will agree to make
good the Red m^r John Swifts salary according to agreement voted in the
Affirmative propounded to see if the Town will Chuse Jonathan
Holmer & Andrew Farby to be added to Lem Simon Aker and
m^r John Brooks Chosen by m^r Swift to compute a salary according
to agreement voted in the affirmative
3 it was propounded to see if the Town will Raise thirty
pounds of silver to Defrey necessary Charges this present year
voted in the affirmative
4 propounded to see if the Town will agree to finish the
Body of seats in the Meeting House this present year
voted in the affirmative & propounded also whether the
Town would Chuse the former Com that was Chosen to finish
the meeting House: to be a Com for this purpose voted on the
affirmative & propounded whether the Town will agree
that Every man shall have Liberty to work out his Kate for the
High ways this present year voted in the affirmative
5 propounded to see if the Town will agree to have a Reading
& a Writing School this present year voted in the affirmative
also propounded to see if the Town would Raise twenty
pounds of silver to support a school voted in the
affirmative propounded to see if Town will begin there
school by the first of August voted in the affirmative
propounded whether Every part of the Town shall have
there Equal proportion of a school voted in the affirmative
also voted that the select men manage that affair
7 propounded to see if m^r David Forbush should have Liberty
to make a window against his pen and he promised at the
same Time to keep it in Repair voted in the affirmative
and then the meeting was Dismissed

February ye 17. 1744
To an order to John Davis Jun for one pound sixteen Shillings
of silver it being Remitted on George Robbins Rates 12.16.0
February ye 17. 1744
To an order to Jonathan Holmer for four pounds five
Shillings of silver it being for Time and money
Expended in the Towns Services in the
year 1744
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August ye 29 1744⁵²

Then the select men met and appointed a Town meeting at the meeting House on Tuesday ye fourth Day of September at Two of the Clock in the afternoon to Consider and Conclude on the following Articles (viz)

- 1 To see what Money the Town will raise towards finishing the Remainder of the meeting House
- 2 to see if the Town will Reconsider their former votes at May meeting Relating to the Rev Mr John Swifts Salary as also to see how much the Town will give to Mr Swifts Salary this present year
- 3 To see how the Town will Dispose of the pen ground under each Stairs
- 4 To see if the Town will agree to seat the meeting House also to see if the Town will agree to Chuse a Committee for that purpose also to see what Directions the Town will give the Com^{rs} Relating to that affair
- 5 To see if the Town will Abate Nath^l Powers Meeting House Rates
- 6 to see if the Town will Abate the Meeting House Rate of Charles Fletcher Late Deceased and the same was Committed to the Constables

September ye 4 1744

At a general Town Meeting at the meeting House in said Town it being legally warned as appeared by the Returns of the Constables on their warrants Mr John Brooks was Chosen Moderator for said meeting and proceeded as follows viz

- 1 propounded to see if the town will raise Eighty pounds To pay for finishing the Remainder of the meeting House voted in the Affirmative
- 2 article it was propounded to see if the Town will Reconsider their former votes Relating to the Rev Mr John Swifts Salary voted in the Affirmative
- 3 article propounded to see if the Town will sell the pen ground under each Stairs unto him that should bid the Highest in a quarter of an Hour voted on the affirmative
- 4 propounded to see if the Town will seat the meeting House voted in the affirmative propounded whether the Town will Chuse a Com^{tee} to seat the meeting House voted on the affirmative propounded whether that John Davis Sur Sam^l Jones Jonathan Billing John Crigin Jonathan Palmer be a Committee to seat the meeting House voted on the affirmative
- 5 propounded whether the Town will agree to have Respect to Age and Day both Real and Personal Looking Back to the first Rates voted in the affirmative

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- 5 article propounded to see if the Town will abate Nathaniel Powers Meeting House Rate voted in the Affirmative
- 6 article propounded whether the Town will abate the Rates of Charles Fletcher Late Deceased voted in the Affirmative the news was Ref^d to the next meeting and then the first article was propounded and Dismissed and then the meeting was Dismissed

November ye 14 1744

Then the select men met and appointed a Town meeting to be at the meeting House on Friday the twenty third of this instant November at Two of the Clock in the afternoon to Consider and Conclude on the Articles here after mentioned viz

- 1 to see what method the Town will take towards the maintenance of Abigail Kufel
- 2 to see how the Town will Dispose of the pen ground next to each Stairs Ref^d to the next meeting
- 3 to see if the Town will abate Mr John Dudley Rates for the year past and the same was Committed to the Constables

November ye 23 1744

at a general Town meeting at the meeting House in said Town it being legally warned as appeared by the Returns of the Constables on their warrants Mr John Brooks was Chosen Moderator for said meeting and proceeded as follows

- 1 on the first article it was propounded and Dismissed
- 2 the second article Relating to the news was Ref^d to the next meeting
- 3 propounded whether the Town will abate Mr John Dudley Rates for the year past voted in the Affirmative and then the meeting was Dismissed

February ye 8 1744/5

To an order to Mr John Brooks for two pounds
ten shillings old tenor for time and money Expended
in the Towns Service in the year 1744 2-10-0

at the same time an order to Mr Andrew Darby
for two pounds ten shillings old tenor for time and
money Expended in the year 1744 2-10-0

at the same time an order to Mr Joseph Harris
for six shillings and six pence old tenor for
Smith work for the meeting House 0-6-6

at the same time an order to Deacon Head
for four shillings old tenor for Half a Days
work in Running Lines Between Belkivick and Acton 0-4-0

at the same time an order to the Const that
was Chosen to Sell the pens for their service
for one pound ten shillings old tenor 1-10-0

at the same time an order to Mr Jonathan Billings
for one pound five shillings old tenor it be for his
Serving as Town Overseer his whole demands 1-5-0

March ye 8 1745

To an order to Mr Jonathan Wheeler for five
shillings and six pence old tenor for mending a pair of
Shoes for Abigail Kysel 0-5-6

March ye 8 1745

To an order to Mr Jonathan Parlin for four
pounds old tenor for his Service in keeping School
to be paid out of the School money 4-0-0

March ye 2 1745

To an order unto Lieut Simon Hunt for four pounds
and twelve shillings old tenor for his Service in keeping
the Town Books and for his wage mending between
him and Acton the whole of his demands 4-12-0

March ye 2 1745

To an order to Mr John Cragin for two pounds
old tenor for his taking Care of the Meeting
House the year past 2-0-0

March ye 21 1745

To an order to Mr Josiah Hayward for one pound
fourteen shillings old tenor it being for an abatement
upon his Rates in the year 1743 1-14-0

February ye 14 1744/5

Then the Select men met and appointed a Town
Meeting to be at the Meeting House on the first Monday
of March at ten of the Clock in the fore noon then they
there to Consider and Conclude on the following articles

1 To Chuse Town officers for the year Expiring

2 To See if the Town will agree to work at the High
ways by a Rate this present year as also to See how
much money the Town will Raise for that purpose
or agree to pass any other vote Relating to that affair

3 To See what the Town will do Relating to the
Rates of Mr John Davis that are Behind in the hands
of Mr Jonathan Billings one of the former Constables

4 To See what the Town will do Relating to the pens
ofest to each Hairs in the Meeting House Refers to
this Meeting

5 To See if the Town will agree that Mr John Law
shall have a way Laid out from his House to Mr Saml
Whink Beft

6 To See if the Town will Discontinue the way that was
formerly Laid out to accommodate Mr George Robbins and
Except of a way Laid out by the Select men to accommodate
Hugh Doster from his own Land through Mr Nathaniel
Robbins and Lieut Simon Hunt, and till it comes to the
way that was Laid out by the Select men of Concord as
will appear by the Return of said way at the Meeting

7 To See if the Town will agree to Let the Twine Kye
at Large this present year and the same was Committed
to the Constables

March ye 4 1744/5

At a General Town Meeting at the Meeting House it being
legally warned as appeared by the Return of the Constable
that warrants Deacon Joseph Spetcher was Chosen Moderator
for said meeting and proceeded as follows on the first article
to Chuse Town officers Jonathan Parmer was Chosen Clerk and
first Select man and Timothy Brooks was Chosen the first
Constable and Andrew Darby the second Constable and John
Brooks the second Select man and Jonathan Billings the third
and the Select men was Chosen assessors and Jonathan Billings
was Chosen Town Overseer Deacon John Head Timothy
Cragin Jurymen of High ways Lieut Hunt and David White
was Chosen fence viewers and David Lamson Daniel Shephard
Barber Secular of Wrights and Messrs

2. propounded whether the Town will agree to work at the High ways by a rate this present year voted on the affirmative and then it was propounded whether the Town will have Sixty pounds old tenor for the High ways voted on the affirmative and then it was propounded whether Every man shall have Liberty to work out his High way rate voted on the affirmative and then it was propounded whether that men shall have Eight Shillings a day till the first of September and then Six Shillings a day Old tenor and four Shillings a day for a pair of Oxen and one Shilling and Six pence for a Cart old tenor voted on the affirmative.

3 article propounded and Dismiss

4 article fell through

5 article propounded whether the Town will abate John Laws Rates the year past voted on the affirmative

6 it was propounded whether the Town will discontinue the way that was formerly Laid out to accomodate Mr George Robbins voted on the affirmative and then it was propounded whether the Town will Except of the way Laid out by the select men to accomodate Mr Hugh Foster voted on the affirmative

7 propounded to see if the Town shall keep at Large voted on the affirmative and then the meeting was Dismiss

Acton February 21th 1744/5

Then Laid out by the select men of said Town a convenient Bridle way to accomodate Hugh Foster begining at his Posters Land where the way now goes till it comes to the corner of Mr William Wheelers Wall where it was agreed should be a Gate then running as the way now goes till it comes to the corner of Mr Nathans Robbins wall and so running by the wall till it comes to the End of the Lane so as the way goes over the Camfey till comes to the End of the Lane where it was agreed should be another Gate then as the wall goes to said Robbins House then as the wall goes to Lieut Hunts Lane where it was agreed should be another Gate then running as the way now goes to running along the Lane till it comes to the way that was formerly Laid out by the select men of Concord where it was agreed should be another Gate and said Hunt freely gave the Land so far as it goes through his Land and promised to keep said way in Repair

The select men that Laid out this way was John Brooks and Jonathan Hofner

May ye 14th 1744th

Do an order to Mr Hezekiah Wheeler for four pounds old tenor it being for Mr John Harbles service in keeping School in Acton to be paid out of the School money — 4-0-0

June ye 3 1744th

Do an order to Mr Gerthom Davies Jun for Eleven pounds ten Shillings and three pence for stuff for the meeting House and Carting — 11-10-3

June ye 18th 1744th

Do an order to Mr John Cragin for ^{four} Eight Shillings old tenor for his dayes work in running the Line Between Acton and Littleton — 0-4-0

June ye 20th 1744th

Do an order to Mr John Davis Jun for Twelve Shillings old tenor it being for his services in running the Line between Concord and Billerica and Acton — 0-12-0

Taken up and Strayed as the Law Directs by John Gill of Acton two Small heifers Coming three years old one of them of a Dark Brown Colour with a short tail the other a Black Colour with a Left of white on her neck and white in her face and under her belly both of them have the Top of the off Ear Cut of and a Nit in the Chear Ear both appreeed at Seven pounds old tenor

November ye 23rd 1744th

December ye 28th 1744th

Do an order to Esmaek White for four pounds fifteen Shillings old tenor for keeping the widow Bradbree from the 21 day of September until this day at the same time for one pound old tenor for carrying the widow Shephard and Hannah Ribbe out of town by warrants when he was constable the whole of his demands — 4-18-0

January ye 20th 1745th

Do an order to Mr phinehas of good for one pound old tenor for making and mending a pair of shoes for Abigail Ruffel — 1-0-0

January ye 21st 1745th

Do an order to Mr Titus Low Late Constable for five pounds three Shillings and one penny it being for Mr John Laws Rates which the town abated Last march meeting — 5-3-1

May ye 14: 1744

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Then the Select men met and appointed a Town ~~meeting~~ meeting to be at the meeting house on the twenty first day of May at one of the clock in the afternoon then and there to confer and conclude on the following articles viz

- 1 To See if the Town will Chuse a parson to Represent them at the Great and General Court this present year
- 2 To See how much money the Town will Grant to the Revd Mr Swift to make Good his Salary this present year
- 3 To See what money the Town will Raise to Defray necessary Charges that shall arise within the same this present year
- 4 To See what money the Town will Raise for finishing the Remainder of the meeting House this present year
- 5 To See ~~what~~ or in what Manner the Town will Dispose of the new Ground Next to each Flairs in the meeting House and the same was Committed to the Constables

May ye 21: 1744

At a General Town meeting at the meeting House it being legally warned as appeared by the Returns of the Constables on their warrant on the first article it was propounded whether the Town Chuse a Deputy warden on the Negative and then Deacon Joseph Fletcher was Chosen Moderator for said meeting and proceeded as follows on the second article

- 1 it was propounded whether the Town will Grant the Revd Mr Swift forty pounds of tenor to make Good his Salary this present year voted on the affirmative
- 2 it was propounded whether the Town will Raise forty pounds of tenor to Defray necessary Charges that shall arise within the same this present year voted on the affirmative
- 3 it was propounded whether the Town will Raise Seventy pounds of tenor for finishing the Remainder of the meeting House this present year voted on the affirmative
- 4 it was propounded whether the Town will Sell the new Ground Next the new Flairs to the Highest Bidder on the affirmative and Mr John Brooks Bid Seven Shillings of tenor and Mr Jonathan Killings Bid Eleven Shillings of tenor and Mr Jonathan Fuller Bid Two pounds Three Shillings of tenor and promised to Build the new and plaster up to the Girt and pay the Money by the Last of July Next and then the meeting was dissolved

November ye 24: 1744

To an order to Daniel Shepard for Eight pounds thirteen Shillings of tenor for keeping the widow Shepard the full of his demands until this day

8: 13: 0

acton october ye 8: 1744 When Titus Law and Daniel Shepard agreed to divide fence between them and said Shepard is to make and repair from a white oak it being a corner mark at the west end of said Line and is to make and repair fence twenty four rods Eastward from said oak and said Law is to make and Repair twenty four rods Eastward from the end of Shepard's twenty four rods

John: Fuller
John Davis

Daniel Shepard
Titus Law

February ye 4: 1745

To an order unto Jonathan Palmer for three pounds and ten Shillings of tenor it being for Orine and money spent in the Towns Service in the year 1744 the whole of

3: 10: 0

February ye 17: 1745

To an order to Mr Jonathan Killings for three pounds and twelve Shillings of tenor for two cloth for abigail Kugel and for his Service as Town Treasurer the year past it being the whole of his demands

3: 12: 0

February ye 19: 1745

To an order to Mr John Davies for two pounds of tenor for time and money spent in the Towns Service in the year 1745 the whole of his demands

2: 0: 0

at the same time an order to Mr John Brooks for one pound twelve Shillings for time and money spent in the Towns Service in the year 1745 the whole of his demands

1: 12: 0

May ye 15: 1746

To an order to the Committee that was Chosen to finish the meeting House for Seventy pounds of tenor

70: 0: 0

May ye 20: 1746

To an order to Mr John Cragin for two pounds and ten Shillings of tenor for taking care of the meeting House the year past in full

2: 10: 0

November ye 7: 1746

To an order to Mr Adam Darby for one pound of tenor it being for a mistake in his Ales

1: 0: 0

February ye: 15: 1746
 Then the select men met and appointed a Town meeting to be at the meeting House on the first Monday of March at Ten of the Clock in the forenoon to Consider and Conclude on the following articles (viz)

- 1 To Chuse Town officers for the year ensuing
- 2 To See if the Town will agree to have a Reading and a writing School this present year as also to See what money the Town will Raise to Support the same as also to See when the town will begin said School as also what method the town will take that every part of the town shall have their proportion thereof
- 3 To See if the Town will Give those persons Liberty to work out their High way Rates this present year that are behind the two years past
- 4 To See if the Town will agree to Give to Timothy Parra the new Ground under the womens Flairs in Cape he finish it up Decently
- 5 To See if the Town will agree to Let Mr George Robbins have a way Laid out from his House to the meeting House
- 6 To See if the Town will Except of a bridle way Laid out by the Select men to Accomodate John Law from his own Land through Land of Mr John Brooks to Mr Prescotts as shall be made to appear by the return of said way at the meeting
- 7 To See if the Town will agree to Give Mr Samuel Prescott and Mr Amos Prescott Liberty to work out their High way work upon their own Land
- 8 To See if the Town will Give Deacon Joseph Ditcher and Mr Josiah Hayward Liberty to Build a Horse Stable upon the Towns Land near the meeting House
- 9 To See if the Town will agree to Let the Swine Run at Large this present year and the same was committed to the Constables

March ye 3: 1746
 At a General Town meeting at the meeting House it being legally warned as appeared by the returns of the Constables on their warrants Deacon Joseph Ditcher was chosen moderator for said meeting and proceeded as follows on the first article to Chuse Town officers Jonathan Popner was chosen Town Clerk and select men and Mr David Brooks was chosen Constable for the South west part of the Town and Mr Mark White James Chosen Constable for the northeast part of said town and Samuel Davis was chosen the second select man and Mr John Davis Jr was chosen the third select man and the select men was chosen officers and Mr Jonathan Billing was chosen Town measurer and Mr John Barker was chosen scales of weights and measurers and Mr Mark White Mr ph. char of 9000 Mr Samuel Hayward Mr Samuel Jones Mr Thomas Law and Mr John Ward Jr was chosen Surveyors of High ways

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 And Mr Jonathan Wheeler and Mr John Davis Jr was chosen bear beaver and Mr Joseph Wheeler and Mr David Sampson was chosen fence viewers and Mr Benjamin Sampson and Mr Joseph Parr and Mr Josiah Piper was chosen Hog Reavers at which was sworn into their Respective offices as the Law directs

- 1 on the second article it was propounded whether the Town will have a Reading and a writing School this present year voted on the affirmative and also propounded Whether the Town will Raise twenty five pounds at tenor for to Support said School voted on the affirmative then it was propounded whether the Town will begin said School by the first of October next voted on the affirmative and then it was propounded whether the select men shall proportion the town according to their pay relating to said School voted on the affirmative
- 2 propounded whether those persons that are behind in their High way Rates the two years past shall have Liberty to work out the same this present year voted on the affirmative
- 3 it was propounded whether the Town will Give to Timothy Parra the new Ground under the womens Flairs in the Negative
- 4 propounded whether the Town will Let Mr George Robbins have a way Laid out from his House to the meeting House voted on the affirmative
- 5 propounded whether the Town will Except of a bridle way Laid out for to Accomodate Mr John Law from his own Land through Land of Mr John Brooks voted on the Negative
- 6 propounded whether the Town will Give Mr Samuel Prescott and Mr Amos Prescott Liberty to work out their High way work upon their own Land voted on the Negative
- 7 propounded whether the Town will Give Deacon Ditcher and Mr Josiah Hayward Liberty to Build a horse Stable on the Towns Land near the meeting House voted on the affirmative
- 8 propounded whether the Town will agree to Let the Swine Run at Large this present year voted on the affirmative and then the meeting was dissolved

May ye 14: 1746
 Then the select men met and appointed a town meeting to be at the meeting House in said town on Tuesday ye twelfth day of this instant May at two of the Clock in the afternoon to Consider and Conclude on the following articles (viz)

- 1 To See if the town will agree to Send a Representative this present year
- 2 To See How much the Town will add to the Red m. John Swifts Salary to make it good according to agreement this present year
- 3 To See what money the town will Raise to Defray necessary Charges that shall arise within the same this present year

- 1 To see what money the town raise for to finish the meeting House this present year
- 2 To see if the town will Give mr Jacob Farrar of Concord Liberty to set up a Gate across the Road that Leads from mr John parlin's to mr Andrew Darby's the Summer Season and the same was committed to the Constables

may ye 20th 1746

- at a General town meeting at the meeting House it being Legally warned as appeared by the Returns of the Constables on their warrants on the first article it was propounded whether the town will send a Representative this present year voted on the negative and then the meeting was opened and mr John Brooks was Chosen moderator for said meeting and proceeded as followeth
- 1 on the second article propounded to see if the town will send forty pounds old tenor to the Revell mr John Swifts Salary to make it good according to agreement voted on the affirmative
 - 2 propounded whether the town will raise fifty pounds old tenor to Defray necessary Charges this present year voted on the affirmative
 - 3 propounded whether the town will raise forty pounds old tenor to finish the meeting House this present year voted on the affirmative
 - 4 propounded whether the town will agree to Let mr Jacob Farrar of Concord have Liberty to set up a Gate across the Road Leading from mr John parlin's to mr Andrew Darby's voted on the affirmative and then the meeting was dissolved

December ye 2^d 1746

To an order to mr Samuel Jones one of the Committee for finishing the meeting House for twenty pounds old tenor out of the meeting House rate - 20-0-0

December ye 1st 1746

To an order to mr Joseph White for eighteen pounds and ten shillings for keeping the door at the meeting House the year past the whole of his demands - 18-8-0

February ye 18th 1746/7

To an order to mr Nathan Robbins for Eight Shillings old tenor for Carrying Abigail Russell to mr Jonathan Wheelers - 0-8-0

march ye 10th 1747

To an order to Daniel Shephard for Seventeen pounds sixteen shillings old tenor for keeping the widow Shephard from the 1st of November 1746 unto this Day the whole of his demands - 17-16-0

march ye 9th 1747

To an order to Simon Davis for Seventeen Shillings and six pence old tenor for Lods for the meeting House the whole of his demands - 0-17-6

march ye 2^d 1746/7

To an order to mr John Davis Dore for three pounds and ten shillings old tenor for time and money spent in the Towns Service in the year 1746 - 3-10-0

march ye 2^d 1746/7

To an order to mr John Fragin for three pounds old tenor for Taking Care of the meeting House the year past the whole of his demands - 3-0-0

march ye 2^d 1746/7

To an order to Jonathan Rogers for four pounds and ten shillings old tenor for time and money spent in the Towns Service in the year past - 4-10-0

march ye 2^d 1746/7

To an order to mr Jonathan Billing for once pounds and ten shillings old tenor for Serving Town Treasurers the year past - 1-10-0

march ye 2^d 1746/7

To an order to mr Saml Davies for two pounds and fifteen shillings old tenor for time and money spent in the Towns Service the year past - 2-15-0

march ye 2^d 1746/7

To an order to mr Daniel Fletcher for fifteen shillings old tenor for Being Due to the Estate of Mr and Mrs Simpson during the year past the whole of his demands - 0-15-0

February ye 18 1746
 Then the Select men met and appointed a Town meeting to be on the first Monday of March at ten of the clock in the forenoon to hear and consider the following articles (viz)

- 1 To Chuse Town officers for the year ensuing
- 2 To See if the Town will discontinue a part of the Road formerly called Hunds Road Beginning where Wheelers Road comes in To to the meeting House and to if the Town will except of a way Laid out from said Wheelers way through a Second location Let then through said way John Swifts Land by Mr Swifts House to straight to the meeting House as shall be made to appear by the Return of said way at the meeting
- 3 To See if the Town will Except of a way Laid out by the Select men to accomodate Mr Jonas Allen and Mr Cotton proctor as shall be made to appear by the Return of said way at the meeting
- 4 To See if the Town will Except of away for Mr George Robbins to meeting as shall be made to appear by the Return of said way at the meeting
- 5 To See if the Town will Give Mrs Joseph Barnes Liberty to Hang two Gates across the way that comes by his House the Summer ensuing
- 6 To See if the Town will Hear and Grant the Request that Mr Josiah Piper shall make at said meeting
- 7 To See if the Town will agree to Let the Incomious Committee to the Constables

March ye 2 1746
 at a General Town at the meeting House in said Town it being legally warned as appeared by the Returns of the Constables on the warrants
 on the first article to Chuse Town officers Mr John Brooks was Chosen moderator for said meeting and Jonathan Holmes was Chosen Town Clerk and Select men were Mr Benjamin Langdon was Chosen Constable for the first part of the Town and Mr John Wheelers was Chosen the second Constable and Mr Samuel Davis was Chosen the third Select man and Mr Phineas Wood was Chosen the third Select man and Mr David Brooks and Mr Jonathan Billing was Chosen Chosen Dything men and Mr Jonathan Billing was Chosen Town Overseer and Mr William Conant and Daniel Ditcher Mr Timothy Brooks Mr William Cutting and Mr David proctor and Mr Joseph Barker was Chosen Surveyors of High ways

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 and Mr Jonathan Wheelers and Mr Ezekiel Tawn was Chosen Deane heaves and Mr John Barker was Chosen Taster of weights and measures and Mr Samuel Jones and Mr Joseph Piper was Chosen fence viewers and Mr James Prescott and Mr David Forbush and Mr Timothy Darnett was Chosen Hog Reaves

- 2 it was propounded whether the Town will Dispense the Second article voted on the affirmative
- 3 it was propounded whether the Town will accept of a way Laid out to accomodate Mr Nath Allen and Mr Cotton proctor voted on the affirmative
- 4 it was propounded whether the Town will accept of a way Laid out for Mr George Robbins to meeting voted on the affirmative
- 5 it was propounded whether the Town will Give Mrs Joseph Barnes Liberty to Hang two Gates across the way that comes by his House the Summer ensuing voted on the affirmative
- 6 Mr Josiah Piper Request propounded whether the Town will Give said Piper Liberty to Hang three Gates across Mr Allens way voted on the affirmative
- 7 it was propounded whether the Town will agree to Let the Town Run at Large this present year voted on the affirmative and then the meeting was dissolved

March ye 2 1746
 To an order to Mr Timothy Brooks for 60 pence decess for keeping school two months in the winter past 50-0-0

May ye 12 1747
 To an order to Mr David Forbush for one pound four Shillings and six pence on tenor it being abated on John Dailys Rates 1-4-6

Acton June ye 2 1744
 Then was the Subscribers divided the fence between Mr John Cookson of Boston and Mr Jonathan Wheelers of Acton lying in Virginia meadow Beginning at a heap of Stones on a ditch Bank by Mr Saml proctors meadow then running 36 rods and three quarters to a Stake and Stone it being Mr Cookson part then running 36 rods and three quarters to a white oak tree by a Stone wall it being Mr Wheelers part
 Josiah Piper } fence viewers
 Samuel Jones }

February ye 17 1746

Then Laid out a new way for Mr George Robbins
to meeting Beginning at a white oak stump at the corner of
Mr Robbins road and so running to a white oak tree through
Land belonging to the heirs of Josiah Jones of Concord
and then to a heap of stones by the road that comes from
Daniel Shepards the said way is a new Road way and the
marks are on the Southerly side of said way

Jonathan Hoffman
John Davis Jun
John Davis

October November ye 13 1746

Then Laid out a way to accommodate Mr Allen proctor
and Mr Jones flock to meeting Beginning at a black oak near
the line between Mr Proctors and Mr Allens Land then running
through to a heap of stones near Mr Allens house then turning
by a Rock on which is a heap of stones then to a heap of
stones on a Great white oak stump to running through
Allen Land till it come to a heap of stones in Mr Agoods
Land and then to a poplar in Mr Agoods Land and then to a
heap of stones on a Rock in Mr Jonathan Billings Land
and then to a small black oak in said Billings Land
and then to a black Birch in said Billings Land and then to a
heap of stones in Billings Land and then running to a heap
of stones by Mr Josiah Pipers fence and then to a heap of
stones by the corner of Mr Pipers house and then through
to Mr Pipers way to meeting said way to be two Rods wide
and the marks are on the westerly side of said way

The Select men that Laid out this way
was

John Davis Jun
Jonathan Hoffman

September ye 14 1747

Taken up a ram by Phineas Agoods of Acton
a young Ram at one white no horn a peace cutt
off the off Ear

September ye 19 1747

Taken up by Samuel Hayward of Acton a white
Ram with small horns with a still in the nose
has supposed to be two years old

September ye 29 1747

Taken up by Mr George Robbins of Acton a white Ram
with small horns and the ends of the horns cut off and
the top of each ear cut off supposed to be three years
old

May ye 11 1747

Then the Select men met and appointed a Town meeting to
be at the meeting house on Monday the eighteenth day of
May at one of the Clocks in the afternoon to consider and Conclude
on the following articles viz

- 1 To See if the Town will Chuse a man to Represent there
at the Great and Generall Court this present year
- 2 To See how much the Town will doe to the New Mr
John Swifts Salary this present year
- 3 To See if the Town will dismiss Mr Benjamin Lamson
from Serving as Constable and Chuse another in his Room
- 4 To See what the Town will do Relating to the Line
between Concord and Acton by Mr John Barker of Concord
whether it shall Run as it did when said Mr Davis Belonged
to Acton or to cut upon said article in any way as the Town
shall think proper when met
- 5 To See what money the Town will Raise to Defray
necessary Charges that shall arise within the same this
present year
- 6 To See if the Town will agree to have a Reading and writing
School this present year or any part of it as also to See how
much money the Town will Raise to Support said School
as also to pass any vote Relating to the School that may
be thought proper when met
- 7 To See if the Town will agree to work at the Highway
by a Rate this present year as also to See how much money
the Town will Raise for that purpose and pass any other
vote that may be thought proper when met
- 8 To See if the Town will Give Mr Heseck Wheeler
and Mr Samuel Haywards and Mr Ezekiel Davis Liberty
to build a Horse Stable on the Towns Land near the
meeting House
- 9 To See if the Town will Chuse a Committee to
adjust accounts with the Committee that was chosen
to finish the meeting House and the same was committed
to the Constables

May ye 18 1747

At a General Town meeting at the meeting House in said
Town at being Legally warned as appeared by the Return of the
Constables at their oaths one the first article it was
proposed whether the Town will send a Report and it
passed in the negative and then Bencon John Brook was
Chosen moderator for said meeting and provided as follows
it was proposed whether the Town will at Eight
pounds or tenor to the New Mr Swifts Salary this present
year vote on the affirmation

- 3 it was propounded whether the Town will Dismiss Mr Benjamin Lamson from serving as Constable and it passed in the negative and it was propounded whether the Town will Choose a Constable for the Northeast part of said Town and it passed in the affirmative and Mr Gaspar Davies was Chosen Constable for the Northeast part of said Town
- 4 it was propounded whether the Town will assist upon the Line being run Between Concord and Acton as it did when Mr John Davis Belonged to Acton voted on the affirmative
- 5 propounded whether the Town will Choose a Committee to manage the affair Between Concord and Acton voted on the affirmative and Mr John Cragen and Mr Andrew Darby and Mr Phineas Osgood was Chosen a Committee to manage that affair
- 6 propounded whether said Committee shall be impowered to treat with Concord Select men to see if the Committee Acton Hath Chosen in order to Choose a Committee of indifferent Gentle men to Refer the matter to relating to the Line Between Concord and Acton by Mr John Davises which up to belong to Acton and said Committee be impowered to vindicate the Towns Cause if sued by Concord for not renewing the Line with them this Last perambulation and further to act in behalf of said Town as may appear best for the Interest and Safety of said Acton and it passed in the affirmative
- 7 propounded whether the Town will raise fifty pounds or more to defray necessary ^{charges} that shall arise within the same this present year voted on the affirmative
- 8 propounded whether the town will have a Reading and a Writing School this present year voted on the affirmative
- 9 propounded whether the Town will raise twenty five pounds or more to support said School voted on the affirmative
- 10 propounded whether the town will agree to work at the High ways by a rate this present year voted on the affirmative
- 11 propounded whether the town will raise fifty pounds or more for the High ways voted on the affirmative
- 12 propounded whether the men shall have Eight Shillings a day for working at the High ways untill the first of September and then five voted on the affirmative

and then it was propounded whether that precept shall have four Shillings a day for a pair of oxen and one Shilling and six pence for a Cart or Tenor voted on the affirmative

- 8 propounded whether the Town will Give Mr Herckner Wheeler and Mr Samuel Hayward and Mr Ezekiel Davis Liberty to Build a Horse Stable on the Towns Land near the meeting House voted on the affirmative
- 9 propounded whether that Mr Jonathan Killing and Mr Andrew Darby and Mr Daniel Fletcher be a Committee to adjust Accounts with the Committee that was Chosen to finish the Inside of the meeting House voted on the affirmative and then the meeting was Dissolved

Acton Novem: 3. 1747

Taken up and provided with us Strays by Amos prefector of Acton Three young Cattle one a Red Heifer supposed to be coming in four years old with a white face and tail and some white on her back and white belly and her hind feet white and some white on her fore Legs branded on her Near Horn with the Letters T & G and an old Brand on the off horn worn out The others two were supposed to be coming in two years old one a black one with some white on his face and by his mouth and belly and some white on his tail and some on the Inside of each Gambrel and the top of the Near Ear Cut off and a slit on the under Side and a half penny Cut out of the under Side of the off Ear the other a brown one and hath no artificial mark

March ye 5. 1748
To am order to pay m^r White for twenty nine pounds eight Shillings or tenor for Subscribing the Widow Bradbrook from the first day of December 1746 until this day of the whole of his demands
29-8-0

March ye 5. 1748
To am order to Jonathan Hooper for seven pounds fifteen Shillings or tenor for time and money spent in the Drawing Service in ye year 1747
the whole of his demands
7-15-0

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October ye 25: 1747

Then the Select men met and appointed a town meeting to be at the meeting House on Monday the Second day of November Next at three of the Clock in the afternoon to Consider and Conclude on the following articles (viz.)

- 1 To See How much money the town will Raise to Defray the Charges that have arisen relating to the Line between Concord and Acton
- 2 To See if the town will agree to Chuse a Committee to Seat Several persons that move in to the town Since the meeting House was Seated as also what Instructions the town will give said Committee relating to that affair and the same was committed to the Constables

November ye 2: 1747

at a General town meeting at the meeting House in said town it being Legally warned as appeared by the Returns of the Constables on their warrants

- Deacon John Brooks was Chosen moderator for said meeting and proceeded as follows and the first article it was propounded to be whether the town will Raise thirty five pounds old tenor to Defray the Charges that have arisen relating to the Line between Concord and Acton and it passed in the Negative

- 2 it was propounded whether the town will Chuse a Committee to Seat Several persons that have move in to town Since the meeting House was Seated and it passed in the Negative and then the meeting was Dissolved

February ye 2: 1747

To an order to Benjamin Shepard for thirteen pounds and ten Shillings for keeping the widow Shepard from the 10 of March 1747 until this day the whole of his Demands 13: 10: 0

March ye 1: 1748

To an order to Mr Phineas of good for ten pounds old tenor for his Service in keeping School in the middle of the town the whole of his Demands 10: 0: 0

April ye 6: 1748

To an order to Mr Josiah Haywood for ten pounds old tenor for his Service in keeping School the whole of his Demands 10: 0: 0

March ye 7: 1748

To an order to Mr Phineas of good for two pounds Twelve Shillings old tenor for time and money spent in the Towns Service in the year past the whole of his Demands 2: 12: 0

March ye 7: 1748

To an order to Mr Samuel Davies for four pounds four Shillings old tenor for time and money spent in the Towns Service the year past the whole of his Demands 4: 4: 0

March ye 7: 1748

To an order to Mr John Craigie for three pounds old tenor for his Service in keeping Care of the meeting House the year past the whole of his Demands 3: 0: 0

March ye 7: 1748

To an order to Mr Josiah Piper for one pound Eighteen Shillings old tenor for plank for Union Bridge the whole of his Demands 1: 18: 0

March ye 7: 1748

To an order to Mr Jonathan Billing for one pound ten Shillings old tenor for his Service as Town Treasurer the year past the whole of his Demands 1: 10: 0

March 7: 1748

To an order to Mr Jonathan Fuller for one pound four Shillings for one with Cat. 4: 0: 0

March ye 10: 1748

To an order to Mr John Davis for ten pounds old tenor for one Callamant 10: 0: 0

September ye 8: 1748

To an order to Mr Cotton Procter for two pounds Sixteen Shillings and two pence old tenor it being for an abatement on his Rates for the year 1746 2: 16: 0

February ye 59: 1747/8

Then the select men met and appointed a Town meeting to be at the meeting House on the first Monday of March at 9 o'clock in the forenoon to consider and conclude on the following articles (viz)

- 1 To Chuse Town officers for the year ensuing
- 2 To See if the Town will raise so much money to defray the Charges that have arisen relating to the Line between Concord and as soon as may be made to appear at said meeting
- 3 To See if the Town will Discontinue a Bit of way Leading from the Northeast part of said town beginning at a white oak tree against where Mr Davis's Saw mill formerly stood till it comes to the westerly End of said road Davis Barn and also to See if the town will accept of the way from said oak straight to Mr Davis's House and so between said House and Barn to the former Road the same to be three Rods wide

- 4 To See if the town will Discontinue the way from Littleton Road till it comes to the westerly End of Mr Timothy Furrers Barn and accept of the way where it now goes by said Furrers House so straight to said Furrers Barn the same to be three Rods wide

- 5 To See if the Town will Discontinue a part of the way Leading from the Southwest part of said town beginning at a Grey oak tree the path that leads from the River in Smiths to Mr Barbers from said oak to the meeting House and also accept of a way laid out by the select men beginning at the said Grey oak through the Land of Mr John Gagin to the meeting House as shall be made to appear by the return of said path at the meeting

- 6 To See if the Town will Discontinue a piece of the way that leads from Mr Stephen Furrers to Concord beginning at the Northerly Side of a pond hole in the Land of Mr Samuel Haywards & through said Haywards new field till it comes to the Lane at Mr Brooks field and also accept of a three Rods way laid out by the select men beginning at a white oak tree marked near said pond hole so as the way now goes to a Grey oak and from thence to the Lane above said the marsh as on the Southern Side of said way

- 7 To See if the Town will Give Mr David Brookham Mr Timothy Brooks liberty to build a horse stable on the town Land at the westerly End of the meeting House

- 8 To See if the Town will accept of the men who have taken the select men have taken taken Town to on the petition at the Inferior Court as they shall be called for from time to time

To See if the Town will agree to Let several persons that have come into town since the meeting House was Leased as also to Chuse a Committee forthwith purpose after what instructions the town shall Give said Committee Relating to that affair

- 10 To See if the Town will agree to Let the Town have at Large this present year and the same was committed to the Constables

March ye 7: 1748

At a General Town meeting at the meeting House in said town at being legally warned as appeared by the Returns of the Constables on their warrants before said when Brooks was chosen moderator for said meeting and proceeded as follows one the first article was chosen Town Officers Jonathan Holmes was chosen Town Clerk and select men and Mr Samuel Davis was chosen the second select men and Mr Phineas Gough was chosen the third select man and the and the select men was chosen assessors and Mr Deane Gentry was chosen Constable for the Northerly part of said town and Mr Amos perfectly was chosen Constable for the Southwesterly part of the town and Mr David Brooks and Mr Samuel Haywards was chosen by their men and Mr Jonathan Billing was chosen Town Treasurer and Mr John Gagin and Samuel Jones and Titus Law and Joseph Furrers Ebenezer Davis and Thomas White was chosen Town Surveyors of High ways and Ezekiel Davis and Oliver Wheeler was chosen Town Treasurers and Mr John Barbers was chosen Town weights and measures and William Condit and David Johnson was chosen fence viewers and John Piper Timothy Brooks Simon Davis and Deliverance Davis was chosen Hay Rovers

It was propounded whether the town will raise fifty pounds or tenor to defray the Charges that have arisen relating to the Line between Concord and as soon as may be made to appear at the meeting

It was propounded whether the Town will Discontinue a part of way Leading from the Northeast part of said town beginning at a white oak tree against where Mr Davis's Saw mill formerly stood till it comes to the westerly End of said road Davis Barn and also accept of the way from said oak straight to Mr Davis's House and so between said House and Barn to the former Road the same to be three Rods wide voted on the affirmative

It was propounded whether the town will Discontinue the way from Littleton Road till it comes to the westerly End of Timothy Furrers Barn and accept of the way where it now goes to said Furrers Barn so straight to said Furrers Barn the same to be three Rods wide voted on the affirmative

It was propounded whether the town will Discontinue a part of the way Leading from the Southwest

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 parts of Said town beginning at a Grey oak Near the path that Leads from the Red Mr Swifts to Mr Barkers from Said oak to the meeting House. voted on the affirmative also propounded whether the town will accept of a Return of a way Laid out by the Select men from Said Grey oak to the meeting House. voted on the affirmative
 6 it was propounded whether the town will discontinue a piece of the way that Leads from Mr Stephen Tarrs to Concord beginning at the Northerly Side of a pond hole in the Land of Samuel Hayward So through Said Haywards new field till it Comes to the Lane at Simon Brooks field and accept of a three Rod way Laid out by the Select men at white oak tree marked near Said pond hole So as the way now Goes to a Grey oak and from thence to the Lane above Said. voted on the affirmative

7 it was propounded whether the town will Give Mr David Brooks and Mr Timothy Brooks Liberty to build a horse Stable on the town Land at the westerly End of the meeting voted on the affirmative

8 it was propounded whether the town will accept of the men whose names the Select men have taken Down to Serve on the petty Jury at the Inferior Court. as they shall be called for from time to time. voted on the affirmative

9 it was propounded whether the town will agree to Seat several persons that have Come into town since the meeting house was Seated and then it was propounded whether the Select men be Committed to Seat those persons. voted on the affirmative

10 it was propounded whether the Town shall keep at Large this present year voted on the affirmative and then the meeting was Dismissed

Acton February ye 20. 1748

then was the Subscribers Laid out a high way to accommodate the southwest part of Said town beginning at a Grey oak Near the path that Leads from the Red Mr Swifts to Mr Barkers through the Land of Mr Benjamin Wells and others to a Grey oak tree marked So turning Between the Land of the Red Mr Swifts and Mr Craig to a small waterat and then turning to a Grey oak tree then to a white oak and then to a white oak and then to a Grey oak and then straight to the meeting house the same to be three Rods wide and the way is at the Northerly Side of Said way and the Select men that Laid out this way was

Jonathan Apfines
 Samuel Davis
 Benjamin Offgood

May ye 22. 1748. 75

Then the Select men met and appointed a town meeting to be at the meeting House in Said town on Wednesday the Eighteenth day of this Instant. May at two of the Clock in the afternoon to Consider and Conclude on the following articles (voted)

To See if the Town will agree to Send a representative this present year

To See how much the town will allow the Red Mr Swifts for the year past: as also to See how much the town will add to Mr Swifts Salary this present year

To See how much money the town will Raise to defray the Necessary Charges that shall arise within the Time this present year

To See how much money the town will Raise to Support a Reading and a writing School this present year

To See if the town will Set off Deacon John Houlton and several others as a town or parish as shall be made to appear by a petition of Said petitioners at Said meeting

To See if the town will Dismiss Mr Zechariah Emory from Serving as Constable: and Chuse another in his Room

To See if will Give Mr Joseph pipes Liberty to Set up two Gates across the Road that Comes by his House

To See if the town will Give those persons Liberty to work on their High way Kates that are behind or pay any other vote that shall be Thought proper when met

To See if the Town will accept of the Report of the Committee that was Chosen to finish the inside of the meeting House and the same was Committed to the Constables

May ye 18. 1748.

At a General town meeting at the meeting House on the first article it was propounded whether the town will Send a Deputy this present year voted on the negative and then Deacon John Brooks was Chosen moderator for Said meeting

2 it was propounded whether the town will Raise Sixty pounds ad tenor to the Red Mr Swifts Salary for the year past voted on the affirmative

Also propounded whether the town will pay Seventy pounds old tenor to the Redm. Lupt. for this present year in case he gives a discharge vote on the affirmative

3 propounded whether the town will raise Seventy pounds old tenor to defray the necessary charges this present year vote on the affirmative

4 propounded whether the town will raise Sixty pounds old tenor for to support a School this present year vote on the affirmative

5 propounded whether the town will Lett off Deacon Head and others as a town or parrysh and it passed in the negative

6 it was propounded whether the town will dismiss mr Emory from being Constable and it passed in the negative

7 To see if the town will Give mr Josiah piper Liberty to set up two Gates across the Road that comes by his House this Summer Season voted on the affirmative

8 it was propounded whether the town will Give those persons Liberty to work out their Highway Rates this present year that are behind voted in the affirmative
also propounded whether the town will pass any other vote on this article and it passed in the negative

9 and the ninth article was Continued to the Next meeting and then the meeting was dismissed

Acton September ye 5: 1748

To the Select men of Acton Horeby I direct you not to repay the Sixty pounds Granted in consideration of the Last year I remit it to the town and for the towns safety the Clerk of the town may put this my Remission on your Towns Records and is Impowered hereby So to do this from your Friends and Servants

John Swift

may ye 19: 1748
Taken order to mr John Davis for Twenty two pounds old tenor for Building the pound in full 22-0-0

December ye 27: 1748
Taken order to mr John Gayin for Two pounds five Shillings for his Service upon the Line Between Concord and Acton in full 2-5-0

November ye 29: 1748
To an order to Daniel Shepard for Twenty Seven pounds Sixteen Shillings and Eight pence old tenor for taking care of the widow ~~Shepard~~ from the Second Day of February Last untill his Death and funeral Charges it Being the whole of his demands 27-16-8

January ye 6: 1748
To an order to mr Phineas offgood for forty Six pounds ten Shillings old tenor it Being for the Charges about the Line Between Concord and Acton the whole of his demands 46-10-0

January ye 6: 1748
To an order to mr John Davis the third for ten Shillings old tenor for a Days work in Running the Line between Littleton and Acton the whole of his demands 0-10-0

February ye 22: 1748/9
To an order to Jonathan Hogmes for Seventeen pounds old tenor for keeping School in the South part of the town the whole of his demands 17-0-0

at the Same time an order to the widow Doxas Bra-brook for fifteen pounds and twelve Shillings old tenor for supporting the widow Elizabeth Bra-brook from the Second Day of march: 1748 to the Second Day of Sept following the whole of her demands for that time 15-12-0

February ye 27: 1749
To an order to Jonathan Hogmes for Eight pounds old tenor it Being for time and money Expended in the towns Service the year past the whole of his demands 8-0-0

at the Same time an order to mr Samuel Davies for Six pounds old tenor it Being for time and money Expended in the towns Service the year past the whole of his demands 6-0-0

at the Same time an order to mr Phineas offgood for five pounds twelve Shilling old tenor it Being for time and money Expended in the towns Service the year past the whole of his demands 5-12-0

February ye 27: 1749

To an order to Mr John Cragin for three pounds ten
Shillings, it being for Cragin's share of the meeting house
the year past the whole of his demands — 5-10-0

march ye 5: 1749

To an order to Deacon John Neal for five pounds
old tenor for his service in keeping school in the
years 1746 and 1747 the whole of his demands 5-0-0

march ye 6: 1749

To an order to Mr Jonathan Billing for two pounds
and ten Shillings old tenor it being for his service
as town treasurer the year past in full — 2-10-0

march ye 6: 1749

To an order to Mr Josiah Heywood for twelve pounds
for his service in keeping school in full — 12-0-0

march ye 6: 1749

To an order to Mr Samuel Hayward for eight
pounds ten Shillings old tenor for Mr William
Hayward's keeping school in full — 8-10-0

march ye 6: 1749

To an order to Mr Timothy Brooks for eight
pounds ten Shillings old tenor for his service
in keeping school in full — 8-10-0

September 11: 1749

To an order to Jonathan Hojmes for twelve pounds
four Shillings old tenor it being for time spent in the
Common service in the year 1749 — 12-4-0

December ye 16: 1749

To an order to Mr David Brooks for three pound fifteen
Shillings and seven pence old tenor it being Remitted on Jacob
Woods Rates — 3-15-7

at the same time an order to Mr Timothy Brooks
for three pounds sixteen Shillings and ten pence old tenor
it being Remitted on Jacob Woods Rates — 3-16-10

Know all men by these presents that I John Cragin
of adon in the County of Middlesex and province of
the Massachusetts Bay in New England Husbandman do hereby
by Kelingwith all my Right and title to a certain part
for parcel of Land Lying and being in adon and Bourne
Southwards on the Land of John Cragin and Northwards
on the River Mr Swifts Land said Land was laid out by
the select men of said town for an open Road beginning
on the west side of said Cragins Land and ending on
the East side of said Cragins Land and for a more
exact account of Land and Bound Reference is had to the
Town Book containing by Estimation one acre and a half
be the same more or less I do now and do hereby give said Land
unto the above said adon and do for my self and my heirs
warranting and defending said Land to be the Towns before
said against all Claims or demands of any person for ever
and further do declare these to be a sufficient warrant
for the Town Clerk of said town to Enter said Land in the
upon the Town Book: and further it is to be understood by
these presents that in the said John Cragin do reserve for my
own use and benefit all the wood and stone on said Land for
fencing and further if said way is by continued then said Land
Returns to said Cragin again and further before the
Sealing hereof do declare my self to be the true and Lawful
owner of said Land

Signed Sealed and Delivered

In presence of us
Nathan Robbins
Hannah Agood

John Cragin

ordered on this Book of Records

Attest Jonathan Hojmes Town Clerk

December ye 27: 1749

To an order to the Widow Dorcas Brabrook for thirty
three pounds old tenor for Subscribing the widow Sarah
Brabrook from the Second Day of September 1748
to the Second Day of September 1749 the whole
of her demands for that time — 33-0-0

Acton February ye 4: 1748/9

Then Laid out a High way Beginning at the Corner
Between Mr Simon Davis and Mr Joseph Baxs's Land
on the Southerly Side of the former Road So on as
the wall now stands till it comes to the End of it and
then to a white oak tree marked and then straight to
the bit of wall at the former Road by Mr Cleavelands
way and said way is two Rods wide the Select men
that Laid out this way was

Jonathan Hofmer
Phinehas of good

Acton January ye 30: 1748/9

Then Laid out a High way to accomodate Capt
Hapgoods place Beginning at said Hapgoods Land
to a small Black oak and then to a white oak and
then to a white oak and then to a pitch pine then to
a heap of Stones on a Rock then to a small black
oak then to a black in Mr Parris pasture and then
to a heap of Stones between the brook and the
House and then to a white oak in Mr Joseph Parris
fence and then as the Lane now goes till it comes
to the former Road said way is two Rods wide and
the marks are on the westerly Side of said way
the Select men that Laid out this way was

Jonathan Hofmer
Phinehas of good

Acton February ye 13: 1748/9

Then Laid out a High way Beginning at the Road
that Leads from the westerly End of said town
to a grey oak then to a black oak then to a white
oak then to a white oak and then straight to the
Corner of Mr Barkers pasture wall said marks are
on the Northerly Side of said way and then as the
wall now stands Leaving Mr Joseph Barkers House
on the Right hand till it comes to the Corner of Mr
Barkers wall on the South Side of the way

where

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where is a heap of Stones on the Southerly Side
of said way and then straight to the wall against
the Dam and then the wall is the Bound mark till
it comes to the End of it and then to a small white
oak in the old fence and then to a small grey oak
and then to a small pine in Mrs mark Whites Land
and then to a small pine and to a small pine and then
to a pine tree and then to a pine and then to a pine
and then to a pine and then to the Road that Leads
from Daniel Shepards and the marks from the Dam
a bow said over on the Southerly Side of said way
and said way is three Rods wide the Select men
that Laid said way was

Jonathan Hofmer
Phinehas of good
Samuel Davis

May ye 15: 1749

Then the Select men met and appointed a Town meeting
to be at the meeting House on Monday the twenty second day
of this Instant May a Two of the Aiders in the year next to
Ensign and conclude on the following articles (viz)

1. To See if the Town will agree to send a Deputy this
present year
2. To See How much money the Town will add to the Town
Mr John Swifts Tax Levy this present year
3. To See How much money the Town will keep to defray the
Keepers Charges that shall arise within the same year
present year
4. To See if the Town will agree to have a Reading and
a Writing School this present year as also to see how much
money the Town will keep to support said School as also
to see how many parts the Town shall be divided into that
Every family may have the Benefits of said School
5. To See if the Town will hear and accept of the Report
of the Committee that was chosen to finish the Infirm
of the meeting House and the same was committed to the
Constables

may ye 22: 1749 at a General Town meeting at the meeting House it being legally warned as appeared by the Return of the Constable on their warrant for the first article it was propounded Whether the Town will take a Deputy this present year voted on the negative

and then Deacon John Heals was chosen moderator for said meeting on the second article it was propounded Whether the town will take Two Hundred and thirty pounds old tenor to the Read Mr John Swifts Salary this present year voted on the affirmative

it was propounded Whether the town will Raise Eighty pounds old tenor for the necessary Charges voted on the affirmative

propounded Whether the Town will agree to have a Reading and a Writing School this present year voted on the affirmative and then propounded Whether the town will Raise one Hundred pounds old tenor for to Support said School voted on the affirmative and then it was propounded Whether the Town shall be divided into Six parts voted on the affirmative

propounded Whether the fifth article shall be continued to the next meeting voted on the affirmative and then the meeting was dissolved

February ye 5: 1749/50

To an order to Mr Josiah Heywood for Sixteen pounds thirteen Shillings and four pence for his Services in keeping School in the middle of the town the whole of his demands 16-13-4

February ye 9: 1749/50

To an order to Mr Amos Prescott for three pounds six Shillings old tenor it being an abatement upon Jacob Woods Rates and for warning Sundry persons out of Town when he was Constable 3-9-0

march ye 8: 1749/50

To an order to Mr John Rabin for Seven pound fifteen Shillings old tenor it being for taking care of the meeting House and an abatement on his Rates for 1 day with a Remission the Line between Concord and Acton the whole of his demands 7-15-0

march ye 8: 1749/50

To an order to Capt Samuel Davies for Eight pounds old tenor it being for Time and money Expended in the Town Service the whole of his demands 8-0-0

at the Same time an order to Mr Daniel Blitcher for ten pounds old tenor for his Service in keeping School one month in the South part of the town 10-0-0

at the Same time an order to Lieut Jonathan Billing for two pounds and ten Shillings old tenor for his Services as Town Officer as also Eleven Shilling paid to Mr Osgood and fifteen Shillings paid to Mr Andrews Carby for Services upon the Line between Concord and Acton 3-16-0

march ye 28: 1750

To an order to Mr Ephraim Smith for Twelve pounds old tenor for his Services in keeping School in the North part of the town 12-0-0

April ye 16: 1750

To an order to Jonathan Hogmes for thirty three pounds Six Shillings and eight pence old tenor it being for Mr William Pratt for his Service in keeping School in the Southwesterly part of the town 33-6-8

at the Same time an order to Mr Josiah Haywood for Sixteen pounds thirteen Shillings and four pence old tenor it being for his Service in keeping School in the East part of the town 16-13-4

may ye 24: 1750

To an order to Mr Zechariah Emery for Eight pounds and one penny old tenor it being Remitted on Lemuel Barnetts Rates 8-0-1

January ye 21: 1750 of 71

To an order to the widows Dorcas Brabrook for four pounds Eight Shillings Law full money for Supporting the widows Sarah Brabrook from the Second Day of September: 1749 to the Second Day of September 1750 the whole of her demands 4-8-0

February ye 10: 1749/50

Then the Select men met and appointed a town meeting to be at the meeting on Monday the 2^d Day of March at ten of the Clock in the forenoon to Consider on the following articles (viz)

- 1st To Chuse Town officers for the year Ensuing
- 2nd To See if the Town will accept of a way Laid out by the Select men from Chelifford Road to Mrs Oliver Wheelers according to the Return of Said way
- 3rd To See if the Town will accept of a way Laid out by the Select men to accomodate Mr John Barker from his Land through Land Belonging to Eno Mark White and John Dury Lake of Cuton to the Road that Leads from Mr Ditcher to the meeting House according to the Return of Said way
- 4th To See if the Town will accept of the way that was was Laid out Last year by the forge as a Bridge way through John Barker Jerns Land according to the marks then made as also an open way through Mr Nathan Robbins Land till it comes to the Road that Leads from Daniel Shepards to the meeting House as it was mentioned in the Return of Said way: according to the Desire of Several persons for Said way
- 5th To See if the town will discontinue a bit of way that Leads from Daniel Shepards Beginning at a place commonly Called Rocky Gursle to a pitch pine upon the High Land towards the meeting House as also to See if the town will accept of a bit of way Laid out from said Rocky Gursle to the pitch pine a fore Said according to the marks mentioned in the Return of Said way
- 6th To See if the Town will accept of a High way Laid out to accomodate Mr Phinehas of good Beginning at a heap of Stones a faines mark Between the Rev Mr Swifts and Mr of good Land and thence a pine marked and then to a heap of Stones and from Said heap of Stones to the meeting House Said way to be two Rod way and then same was committed to the Constables

January ye 11: 1749/50

To be paid to Mr John Davis Jun for one poundster four shillings Law full money for plank for the bridge by Mr Lacks and for half a Days work in running Lines between Littleton and Acton the whole of his Demands

J = 4 = 0

March ye 15: 1749/50

At a General Town meeting at the meeting House A being Legally warned as appeared by the Returns of the Constables on their warrants Deacon John Neal was Chosen moderator for their warrants Deacon John Neal was Chosen Town Clerk and Select man and Mr Nath Davis was Chosen Constable for the Northwest part of Said town and Mr Joseph Barker was Chosen Constable for the Southwest part of Said town and Mr Daniel Ditcher was Chosen the second Select man and Lieut Jonathan Billing was Chosen the third Select man and Lieut Jonathan Billing was Chosen Town Treasurer and Samuel Jones Josiah Wayward Horshiah Wheeler Thomas White Capt Samuel Davis and Josiah piper was Chosen Surveyors of High ways and Eno mark White and Titus Law was Chosen bysiding ^{men} and Mr David Brooks and Oliver Wheeler was Chosen fence viewers all which was Sworn into their Respective offices as the Law Directs

- 2nd on the Second article it was propounded Whether the town will accept of a way Laid out by the Select men from Chelifford Road to Mrs Oliver Wheelers according to the Return of Said way voted on the affirmative
- 3rd propounded Whether the Town will accept of a way to accomodate Mr John Barker from his Land to the Road that Leads from Mr Ditchers to the meeting House voted in the Negative
- 4th propounded whether the town will accept of the way that was Laid out Last year by the forge as a Bridge way through John Barker Jerns Land according to the marks then made as also an open way through Mr Nathan Robbins Land till it comes to the Road that Leads from Daniel Shepards to the meeting house as it was mentioned in the Return of Said way voted in the affirmative
- 5th propounded whether the town will discontinue a bit of way that Leads from Daniel Shepards Beginning at a place commonly Called Rocky Gursle to a pitch pine upon the High Land towards the meeting House voted on the affirmative
- propounded whether the town will accept of a bit of way Laid out from Land Rocky Gursle to the pitch pine a fore Said according to the Return of Said way voted on the affirmative

propounded whether the town will accept of a way to accomodate mr phinehas Offord from his Land to the meeting House voted on the Negative and then the meeting was dismissed

Acton February ye 9. 1749/50
Then were the Subscribers Laid out a way from Melmsford Road by mr Cooksons House as the fence now stands between the House and Barn and then as the fence now stands till it comes to mr Jonathan Wheelers Lane then upon said Lane till it comes to a heap of Stones then to a heap of Stones by a Stump in mr Cooksons Land by the End of the Log fence then to a heap of Stones in mr Cooksons field then to a pitch pine in mr David prockers Land then to another pine then to another pine then to another pine then to the End of the Stone wall then as the wall goes till it comes to the Lane then as the Lane goes till it comes to mr Olivers Wheelers the marks are on the Northernly Side of said way and said way is two Rods wide

Jonathan Hofmes
Samuel Davies

Acton February ye 13. 1748/9
Then Laid out a way beginning at Littleton Road as the fence now stands by mr John Baskers Dam to an Elm tree marked then to a heap of Stones at the End of the Rail fence a few feet below the Bridge and then over said Bridge to a heap of Stones by the Gate way and then to a Small Walnut and then to a white oak and then to a Stump and Stones by the Gravel hole and then to a pine tree by the corner of mr Nathan Hobbins fence and then straight to a Small pine against the Burying place and then to a Small pine and then to another Small pine and then to the Road that leads to the meeting House said way is two Rods wide and the marks are on the Southernly Side of said way

Jonathan Hofmes
Phinehas Offord } Select men.
Samuel Davies

February ye 9. 1749/50
Then were the Subscribers Laid out bit of way leading from mr Daniel Wheelers to the meeting House beginning at Rocky Grove at a heap of Stones by a Stump and then to a Small black oak marked and then to a pitch pine tree marked the marks are on the Southernly Side of said way said way to be three Rods wide

Jonathan Hofmes } Select men.
Samuel Davies

May ye 16. 1750

Then the Select men met and appointed a Town meeting to be at the meeting House on Thursday the twenty fourth day of this Instant may at three of the Clock in the afternoon to Consider and Conclude on the following articles (viz)

- 1 To See if the town will Choose a Representative
- 2 To See how much money the Town will add to the Reed mr John Swifts Salary this present year
- 3 To See how much money the Town will Raise to Defray the necessary Charges that shall arise with the Land this present year
- 4 To See if the Town will agree to have a Reading and a writing School this present year: as also how much money the town will Raise to Support said School
- 5 To See if the Town will agree to Sue the Town of Concord for their Refusing to go through upon the Line between said Concord and Acton: as also to See if the town will agree to Choose a Committee to manage that affair
- 6 To See if the Town will agree to Let the Town Run at Large this present year: as also to Choose two or more Dog revivers for the year ensuing and the same was committed to the Constables

May ye 24: 1750

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- at a General Town meeting at the meeting House
it being Legally warned as appeared by the Returns
of the Constables on their warrant,
- 1 on the first article it was propounded whether the
Town will Chuse a representative and it passed
in the negative and then Deacon John Brooks was
Chosen moderator for said meeting and then the
Town proceeded as followeth
 - 2 propounded whether the town will add twenty six
pounds thirteen Shillings and four pence Lawfull money
unto the Revd Mr Swifts Salary this present year
voted in the affirmative
 - 3 propounded whether the town will Raise twenty
pounds Lawfull money to defray necessary Charges
this present year voted on the affirmative
 - 4 propounded whether the town will have a Reading
and a writing School this present year voted in
the affirmative
propounded whether the town will Raise thirteen
pounds six Shillings and eight pence Lawfull money
to Supporte Said School voted on the affirmative
 - 5 propounded whether the town will agree to
Sue the town of Concord for their Refusing
to Run the Line through between said Concord
and Acton voted on the affirmative
propounded whether the Select men shall
be a Committee to manage that affair voted
on the affirmative
 - 6 propounded whether the town will agree
to Let the Squire Run at Large this present
year voted on the affirmative
and Mr Benjamin Lunsford and Mr Simon Davis
and Mr David Linnson & Mr David Brooks
was Chosen Assessors and then the meeting
was dissolved

February ye 5: 1750/51
To an order to Capt Samuel Davies for
five Shillings and four pence Lawfull money
it being Remitted for Bergham Wheelers Kate 0 = 5 = 4

march ye 4: 1750/51

To an order to Mr Daniel Fletcher for
Twelve Shillings and ten pence Lawfull money
it being for time and money Expended in the
towns Service the year past in full — 0 = 12 = 10

at the Same time an order to Lieut Jonathan Billing
for one pound two Shillings and eight pence Lawfull money
it being for his Service as town Treasurers and Clerk
man the year past in full — 1 = 2 = 8

at the Same time an order to Jonathan Hooper
for Twelve Shillings and five pence Lawfull money it
being for time and money Expended in the towns
Service the year past in full — 0 = 12 = 5

at the Same time an order to Mr Josiah Piper
for Nine Shillings and four pence Lawfull money it being
for his Service in taking Care of the meeting House the
year past in full — 0 = 9 = 4

march ye 5: 1750/51

To an order to Mr Josiah Hayward for fourteen Shillings and
eight pence Lawfull money it being for time and money
Expended in the towns Service in the year 1749 the
whole of his Demand — 0 = 14 = 8

march ye 4: 1750/51

To an order to Mr Daniel Fletcher for two pounds
four Shillings and five pence Lawfull money for John
Cragin Juns Service in Keeping School in Mr Fletchers
parish the town in full — 2 = 4 = 6

March ye 4: 1740/41 92

To an order to m^r John Meriam for two pounds four Shillings and Six pence Lawfull money for his Service in Keeping School at Swanberry Hill in full — $2 = 4 = 6$

March ye 9: 1741

To an order to m^r Nathan Robbins for Six Shillings Lawfull money it being for a pair of shoes for Lydia Roppel and for a Day's work on the line between Concord and upon the whole of his demands — $0 = 6 = 0$

May ye 10: 1741

To an order to m^r Josiah Maywood for Two pounds four Shilling and Six pence Lawfull money it being for his Service in Keeping School in the middle of the town in full — $2 = 4 = 6$

May 6: 1741

To an order to m^r William Farr for Three pounds Six Shillings and Nine pence Lawfull money it being for his Service in Keeping School in the South west part of the Town in full — $3 = 6 = 9$

May ye 21: 1741

To an order to Concord for Nine pounds one Shilling and five pence Lawfull money it being for Taking Care of Lydia Roppel in time of her sickness — $9 = 1 = 5$

at the same time an order to Deacon Heald for three Shillings and two pence Lawfull money it being for his Service in Running Lines in full — $0 = 3 = 2$

at the same time an order to m^r Lechariah Emery for five Shillings and four pence Lawfull money it being Remitted on m^r Andrew Darbys Rate — $0 = 5 = 4$

February ye 12: 1740/41 93

When the Select. men met and appointed a town meeting to be at the meeting House on Monday the fourth day of March Next at 10 o'clock of the Clock to Consider and Conclude on the following articles (viz)

- 1 To Chuse Town officers for the year Ensuing
- 2 To See if the town will Reconsider their vote passed last March meeting Relating to the Bridge way by the Forge through John Barker Juns Land as also to See if the Town will except of an open way Laid out by the Select. men from m^r John Barker Land through Ensmark Whites Land till it comes to the Road Leading from Deacon Brookes to the meeting House and from said Road through Land now in the possession of Joseph Robbins and from John Barker Juns Land to Littleton Road according to the ~~Returns of said~~ marks mentioned in the Returns of said ways
- 3 To See if the Town will except of a way Laid out to accommodate m^r Faulkner and m^r John Adams through m^r Faulkners Land according to the Returns of said way
- 4 To See if the Town will agree to Chuse a Committee to take Care of the timber that grows in the high ways in said town that it may not be destroyed
- 5 To See if the Town will agree to Let the Lime Run at Large this present year and the same was committed to the Constables

March ye 4: 1750/51

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- at a General Town meeting at the meet House it being legally warned as appeared by the Return of the Constables on their warrants
- Deacon John Heald was Chosen moderator for said meeting and Jonathan Dymmel was Chosen Clerk and Select men and Mr Phineas Osgood was Chosen Constable for the Northeast part of said town and Mr Daniel Tletcher was Chosen Constable for the Southwest part of said town and Deacon John Heald was Chosen Select man and Lieut. Jonathan Billing was Chosen Select man and the Select men was Chosen assessors and Lieut Billing was Chosen Town Treasurer and Mr Ammi Thailhear and Mr Jonathan Parlin and Mr Ncut Davis and Mr Joseph Barker and Mr Joseph Wheel Deacon John Brooks was Chosen Surveyors of High ways and Mr Siter Law and Mr David Brooks was Chosen Tything men and Mr William Conant and Mr Nathan Wheel was Chosen fence viewers and Mr Joseph Trave and Mr Francis Barker was Chosen Hogreaver and Mr John Barker was Chosen Sealer of Weights and measures all which was sworn into their respective offices (excepting Mr Barker) as the Law Directs
- 2 it was propounded whether the Town will Reconsider their vote passed Last march meeting Relating to the Bridge way by the forge through John Barkers Luns Land and it passed in the Negative
 - 3 propounded whether the town will accept of a way Laid out to accomodate Mr Faulkner and Mr John Adams through Mr Faulkners Luns adjoining to the Return of said way and it passed in the Negative
 - 4 it was propounded whether the town will Dismiss the fourth article voted in the affirmative
 - 5 it was propounded whether the Town shall Run at Large this present year voted on the affirmative and then the meeting was Dismissd.

May ye 21: 1751

To an order to Mr John Gell for Twelve Shillings and Eight pence Lawfull money it being Given by the Town to him ———— 0 = 12 = 8

May ye 7: 1751

To an order to Deacon John Heald for one pound Six Shillings and Eight pence Lawfull money it being for Ephraim Smiths Service in keeping School in the Northeast part of the Town the year past. ———— 1 = 6 = 8

October ye 8: 1751

To an order to Mr Mark White Jun. for Eight Shillings Lawfull money it being for Timber for the Bridge by Mr Larks the whole of his demands ———— 0 = 8 = 0

November ye 2: 1751

To an order to the Widow Dorcas Brabrook for four pounds Twelve Shillings and Eight pence Lawfull money it being for Substisting the Widow Sarah Brabrook from the third Day of September 1750 to the second Day of September 1751 the whole of her demands ———— 4 = 12 = 8

November ye 2: 1751

To an order to Mr Heneiah Wheel for five Shillings and four pence Lawfull money it being for Laying plank for Capt Bridge in full ———— 0 = 5 = 4

November ye 2: 1751

To an order to Mr Peter Greaves of Hous for five Shillings and four pence Lawfull money it being for the Winter for Making Care of Tyder Kessel ———— 0 = 5 = 4

February ye 14: 1752

To an order to Mr Daniel Tletcher for two pounds Lawfull money it being for John Cragin Dars Service in keeping School in that part of the town in fall ———— 2 = 0 = 0

May ye 13: 1751

Where the Select men met and appointed a town meeting to be at the meeting House on Tuesday the 21 day of this instant May at Two of the Clock in the afternoon to Consider and Conclude on the following articles (viz)

- 1 To See if the Town will Chuse a Representative
- 2 To See How much money the will add to the Reed ms Swifts Salary this present year or to Chuse a Committee to agree with ms Swift Concerning the Contract with him
- 3 To See How much money the Town will Raise to defray the necessary Charges that shall arise within the same this present year
- 4 To See if the town will agree to have a Reading and a writing School this present year as also to see what method the Town should have the Select men manage said School
- 5 To See How many days the Town will agree that every man shall work at the High ways this present year
- 6 To See if the Town will agree to abate ms John Gills Rates or any part thereof that he was assest the year past and the same was committed to the Constables

May ye 21: 1751

At a General Town meeting at the meeting House it being Legally warned as appeared by the Returns of the Constables on these warrants on the first article it was proposed whether the town will Chuse a Representative voted on the negative and then Deacon John Brooks was Chosen Moderator for said meeting

- 2 proposed whether the Town will Chuse a Committee to compute ms Swifts Salary voted on the affirmative then proposed whether the town will Chuse five for said Com voted on the affirmative and made Chose Deacon John Brooks and Deacon John Brooks and Jonathan Hoffman and Capt Simeon Davies and ms John Law's son for a Committee
- 3 proposed Whether the Town will Raise Ten pounds Lawfull money to defray the necessary Charges that shall arise within the same this present year voted on the affirmative
- 4 proposed Whether the Town will agree to have a Reading and a Writing School this present year voted on the affirmative
- 5 proposed Whether the Town shall be divided into Ten parts voted on the affirmative

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- 5 it was propounded Whether the Town will defray the office article voted on the affirmative
 - 6 it was propounded Whether the Town will Give ms John Gills his Rates for his poll voted on the affirmative and then the meeting was dissolved

September ye 17: 1751

Then the Select men met and appointed a Town meeting to be at the meeting House on Tuesday the Twenty fourth day of this instant at Three of the Clock in afternoon to Consider and Conclude on the following articles (viz)

- 1 To See How much money the Town will add to the Reed ms John Swifts Salary for this present year
- 2 To See How much money the Town will Raise to Support a Reading and a Writing School this present year and the same was committed to the Constables

September ye 24: 1751

At a General Town meeting at the meeting it being Legally warned as appeared by the Returns of the Constables on these warrants Deacon John Brooks was Chosen Moderator for said meeting

- 1 it was propounded Whether the Town will add any thing to the Reed ms Swifts Salary more then the Three Hundred and Sixty Seven pounds old tenor and it passed in the negative
- 2 it was propounded Whether the Town will Raise Twelve hundred pounds Lawfull money to support a Reading and a Writing School voted in the affirmative and then the meeting was dissolved

February ye 13: 1752
Is an order to mr John Craig for four Shillings Lawfull money it being Remitted on his poll to the province Rate 10 = 4 = 6 in the year 1751

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march ye 2: 1752

To an order to Jonathan Hefner for Nineteen
Shillings and six pence Lawfull money it Being for time
and money spent in the Towns Service the year past
the whole of his Demands $0-19-6$

march ye 2: 1752

To an order to Lieut. Billings for Eighteen Shillings
and six pence Lawfull money it Being for time and
money spent in the Towns Service the year past and for
Settling Town Treasures the whole of his Demands
 $0-18-6$

march ye 2: 1752

To an order to Deacon John Heald for three
Shilling and three pence Lawfull money for time spent
in the Towns Service the year past in full $0-3-3$

march ye 2: 1752

To an order to Mr. Nathan Robbins for Two
pounds Lawfull money it Being for Mr. Prognis
Health for Keeping School in the South part of the
Town in full $2-0-0$

march ye 2: 1752

To an order to Mrs. Mary White for one Shilling and
four pence Lawfull money for a days work in
Running the Line between Littleton and Nelson in
the whole of his Demands $0-1-4$

march ye 2: 1752

To an order to Mr. Josiah Piper for Nine Shillings
and four pence Lawfull money it Being for Taking
Care of the meeting House the year past
the whole of his Demands $0-9-4$

march ye 18: 1752

To an order to John Cragin for Two pounds Lawfull
money it Being for his Services in Keeping School for
the Child of the Town in full $2-0-0$

march ye 25: 1752

To an order to Mr. Ephraim Smith for one
pound sixteen Shilling Lawfull money it Being for
his Service in keeping School in the East part
of the Town $1-16-0$

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march ye 27: 1752

To an order to Mr. William Frary for three pounds
Two Shillings and three pence Lawfull money it Being
for his Service in Keeping School in the West part of the
Town the whole of his Demands $3-2-3$

march ye 27: 1752

To an order to Capt. Samuel Davies for two Shillings
it Being for a days work in the Town Service $0-2-0$

April ye 7: 1752

To an order to Mr. Joseph Haywood for Two
pounds Lawfull money for Keeping School in the East
part of the Town in full $2-0-0$

January ye 22: 1753

To an order to Mrs. Daniel Lock for Two
pounds one Shilling and seven pence Lawfull money
it Being for his wives Subsisting the widow
Sarah Blablock from the second day of
September 1751 to the second day of March
following the whole of their Demands $2-1-7$

march ye 1: 1753

To an order to Mr. John Cragin for two Shilling
and eight pence Lawfull money for Mrs. Cragins
Delivering Lydia in full $0-2-8$

march ye 15: 1753

To an order to Mr. John Davis Jun. for Two pounds
and seven pence Lawfull money it Being for Time and
money Expended Relating to the Barbers Highway the
whole of his Demands $2-0-11$

at the Same time an order to Mr. Daniel Titchel for
one pound three Shillings and one penny upon the Same
Accounts in full $1-3-1$

at the Same time an order to Deacon Heald for
Eighteen Shillings and four pence Lawfull money it
Being for Time and money Expended in the Towns
Service in the year 1752 in full $0-18-4$

February 2^d 1752.

When the select men met and appoint a Town meeting to be at the meeting House on the first Monday of March at one of the Clock in the afternoon to be Confirmd and Conclude on the following articles (viz)

- 1 To Chuse Town officers for the year ensuing
- 2 To See if the Town will accept of a Highway Laid out by the Select men to accomodate Mr John Barker to the meeting House according to the Return of Said way at the meeting
- 3 To See what the town will do Relating to the Widow Sarah Brabrook whether the town will agree to make application to the General Sessions of the peace on behalf of Said widow in favor her children neglect or Refuse to Support. Said widow or pass any other vote that may be thought proper when met.
- 4 To See if this Town will agree to Chuse a Committee to adjust accounts with the Town Treasurer and Likewise to See what the Town will allow Said Treasurer for his Service for the year ensuing
- 5 To See if the Town will Let the Sheep Run at Large without a Shepherd this present year or any part of it.
- 6 To See if the Town will agree to Let the Swine Run at Large this present year and the Same was committed to the Constables

March 2^d 1752.

at a General Town meeting at the meeting House it being legally warned and appeared by the Return of the Constables on their warrants. Deacon John Brooks was Chosen moderator for Said meeting and Jonathan Hough was Chosen Town Clerk and Select man and Mr Josiah Pipes was Chosen Constable for the South west part of the town and Mr Ebenezer Davies was Chosen Constable for the North East part of the town and Deacon John Heald was Chosen the second Select man and Mr Daniel Fletcher was Chosen the third Select man and the Select men was Chosen assessors

and Lieut Jonathan Billing was Chosen Town Treasurer and Mr David Brooks and Mr Joseph Davis Jun. was Chosen Surveyors men and mess Daniel Lock Daniel Shepard and David Thorbush Esrs Samuel Hayward Francis Barker and John Emery was Chosen Surveyors of High way and Timothy Brooks and Oliver Wheeler was Chosen assessors and Sampson Wheeler Francis Paulkner and Stephen Law was Chosen Hog Reeves all which was Sworn into their Respective offices as the Law directs

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it was propounded whether the town will accept of a way Laid out by the Select men to accomodate Mr John Barker to meeting according to the Return of Said way voted on the negative

3 it was propounded whether the town will discharge the Heirs of the Widow Sarah Brabrook for the time past untill this day in Cape Mr Joseph Temple will engage the town shall be at no more charge upon the account of Said Widows vote on the affirmative at the same time Mr Temple promised his mother should be no more charge to the town of Sutton.

4 propounded whether the Town will Chuse a Committee to adjust accounts with the Town Treasurer voted on the affirmative

propounded whether Mr Joseph Barnes and Mr John Davis Jun and Mr Phineas Eggood shall be a Committee to adjust accounts with Said Treasurer voted on the affirmative

propounded whether the Select men shall agree to allow Said Treasurer for his Service voted on the affirmative

5 it was propounded whether the Sheep shall Run at Large without a Shepherd voted in the negative

6 propounded whether the town will agree to Let the Swine Run at Large this present year voted on the affirmative and then the meeting was dissolved

May ye 6. 1757.

Then the Select men met and appointed a Town meeting to be at the meeting on Monday the Eighteenth day of this Instant may at two of the clock in the afternoon to Consider and Conclude on the following articles (viz)

- 1 So Le. if the Town will Chuse a Representative
- 2 So Le. what the Town will add to the Revd^m John Swifts Salary this presents year: as also to Le. what the town will add to Mr Swifts Salary the two years that the Town is not Discharged for Le. So if the Town will agree to Chuse a Committee to Le. what Mr Swifts Salary should have been according to Contract the two years the Town is not Discharged for
- 3 So to hear the Report of the Committee that was Chosen to adjust accounts with the Town Treasurer
- 4 So Le. How much money the Town will Raise to defray the necessary Charges that shall arise within the same this present year
- 5 So Le. if the Town will agree to have a Reading and a Writing School this presents ^{year} as also to Le. how much money the Town will Raise to Support said School as also to Le. how many parts the Select men shall divide the Town into
- 6 So Le. if the Town will agree to work at the High ways by a Rate this presents year: as also to Le. How much money the Town will Raise for the High ways and Likewise pass any other vote that may be thought proper when met Relating to that affair
- 7 So Le. if the Town will Chuse a Constable in the Room of Mr Ebenezer Davies who does Not Intend to Serve and the same was Committed to the Constables

May ye 18. 1757.

At a General Town meeting at the meeting House it being Legally warned as appeared by the Returns of the Constable on their warrants and on the first article it was propounded whether the Town will Chuse a Representative and it passed in the Negative and then Deacon John Head was Chosen Moderator for said meeting

- 2 it was propounded Whether the Town will add seventy eight pounds Eighteen Shillings and Eight pence Lawfull money for the Revd^m John Swifts Salary this presents year vote on the affirmative and then it was propounded Whether the Town will Chuse a Committee to what Mr Swift should have according to Contract the two years the Town is not Discharged for vote on the affirmative and Likewise made choice of Deacon John Brooks and Mr Nathan Robbins and Mr John Davis Jun and Lieut Jonathan Bellins and Mr Josiah Hayward for a Committee for said service the third article was propounded and Disrupt

- 4 it was propounded whether the Town will Raise Twelve pounds thirteen Shillings and four pence Lawfull money for to defray the necessary Charges voted on the affirmative

- 5 it was propounded whether the Town will have a Reading and a Writing School this presents year vote on the affirmative and then it was propounded whether the Town will Raise Twelve pounds Lawfull money for said School vote on the affirmative and then it was propounded whether the Select men shall divide the Town into Six parts voted on the affirmative

- 6 it was propounded whether the Town will agree to work at the High ways by a Rate this presents ^{year} vote on the affirmative and then it was propounded whether the Town will Raise any money for the High ways voted on the affirmative and then it was propounded whether the Town will Raise Seventy Six pounds thirteen Shillings and four pence Lawfull money for the High ways voted on the affirmative and then it was propounded whether that Every man shall have two Shillings per Day Before Daytime and then

one Shilling and four pence Lawfull money after
they time voted in the affirmative
propounded one Shilling Lawfull money for a pair
of oxen and a Cart for Day vote on the affirmative
and then it was propounded whether Every man shall
have Liberty to work out his Highway Rate voted
on the affirmative

it was propounded whether the town will Chuse
a Constable in the Room of Mr Ebenezer Davis
voted in the Negative and then the meeting was
Dismissed

march ye 5: 1753

To an order to Mr Daniel Titchel for one pound
Eleven Shillings Lawfull money it being Sum paid of
it for Time and money Expended in the towns Service
in the year 1752 the Rest upon Jonathan Hofmirs
account

1 = 11 = 0

march ye 20: 1753

To an order to John Cragin Jun for one pound Six
Shillings and Eight pence Lawfull money it being
for his Service in keeping School in the South west
part of the town in full of his demands 1 = 6 = 8

August ye 24: 1752

Then the Select men met and appointed a Town
meeting to be at the meeting House on Friday the
Twenty eighth Day of this Instant August at three of
the Clock in the afternoon to Confess and Conclude
on the following article (viz)
Use So. whether the town will do Relating to Mr Baskers
petition whether the town will Chuse a Committee
to appear at Concord Court to answer said petition
or other wise agree with Mr Basker about his
way and like wise to pass any other vote
that may be brought proper when met and
the same was committed to the Constables

August ye 28: 1752
At a General Town meeting at the meeting House Being
Legally warned as appeared by the Returns of the
Constables on their warrants Deacon John Heath
was Chosen moderator for said meeting and
propounded as follows (viz) propounded whether the
town will Chuse a Committee to manage the
affair Relating to Mr Baskers petition voted
on the affirmative
And then it was propounded whether that
Mr Daniel Titchel and Mr Phineas offgood and
Mr John Davis Jun be a Committee to manage
said affair voted on the affirmative and then
the meeting was Dismissed

march ye 23: 1753

To an order to Jonathan Hofmirs for two pounds
Lawfull money it Being for his Service in keeping
School in the South west part of the town
in full of his demands 2 = 0 = 0

march ye 23: 1753

To an order to Lieut. Jonathan Billing for two
pounds it Being for the School at Strawberry Hill
in full 2 = 0 = 0

march ye 23: 1753

To an order to Lieut. Jonathan Billing for Six
Shillings and Eight pence it Being for his Service
as Town Treasurer the year past in full 0 = 6 = 8

march ye 23: 1753

To an order to Mr Daniel Titchel for sixteen
Shillings and four pence it Being for Boarding
the School master in full 16 = 13 = 4

march ye 23: 1753

To an order to Jonathan Hofmirs for one Shilling
and four pence it Being for time and money Expended
in the towns Service ye year past 0 = 1 = 4

February the 15th 1753

Then the Select men met and appointed a town meeting to be at the meeting House on the first Monday of March at one of the Clock in the afternoon to conclude on the following articles (viz)

- 1 To Chuse Town officers for the year ensuing
- 2 To Se if the town will Cast Lydia Rapsel on those that Brought her into town and Likewise pass any vote Relating to Said Lydia Rapsel that may be Thought proper when met
- 3 To Se if the Town will Discontinue the Bridge way through mr John Basket Jans Land according to the Desire of a Considerable Number of persons as also to Se if the Town will accept of an open way through the Land of Said Basket according to the marks Last made by the Select men of said town
- 4 To Se if the Town will accept of an High way Laid out to accomodate John and Robert Chaffin to meeting according to the Return of said way at the meeting
- 5 To Se if the Town will Discontinue the Bridge way Laid out to accomodate Augu Foster as also to Se if the Town will accept of a Bridge way to accomodate said Foster from his Land through the Land of mr Nathan Robbins so across the Brook and through Lieut Hunts pasted according to the Return of said way
- 6 To Se if the Town will Grant to Ephraim Hopmes and others the vacant parts of the front Gallery in the meeting House together with the front Seat of the same to Build a pew or pews according to their petition
- 7 To Se if the Town will accept of an open way from Littleton Line to the Road that leads from Cotton Proctors according to the Return of said
- 8 To Se if the Town will agree to let the Town Run at Large this present year and the same was committed to the Constables

March ye 5th 1753

At a General Town meeting it Being Legally warned as appeared by the Return of the Constable for their warrant Deacon John Heald was Chosen Moderator for said meeting and proceeded as follows Jonathan Hopmes was Chosen Town Clerk and Select man and mr John Cragin was Chosen Constable for the South west part of said Town and Refused Serving and mr John Basket Jun was Chosen the Second Constable and Deacon Heald was Chosen the Second Select man and mr Daniel Fletcher was Chosen the third Select man and Lieut Billings was Chosen Town Coroner and En mark White and Josiah Hayward mr Nathl Wheel and mr Hugh Foster mr Elvel Wheel and mr John Chaffin was Chosen Surveyors of high way and mr William Cutting and mr Joseph Basket was Chosen Overseers of the poor Francis Faulkner and Progress Basket was Chosen fence viewers and mitch Robbins and Ebenezer Hartwell was Chosen hograis and all Sworn except mr Cragin.

2 It was propounded whether the Town will Chuse a Committee to Enquire into the affair of Lydia Rapsel voted on the affirmative and mr Nathan Robbins and mr Jonathan Parlin and mr John Davis Jun and Cap^t Davies and Lieut Billings was Chosen a Committee to manage that affair

3 It was propounded whether the town will Discontinue the Bridge way through John Basket Jun Land voted on the affirmative; and then it was propounded whether the Town will accept of an open way through John Basket Juns Land according to the marks made Last by the Select men voted on the affirmative and mr John Basket John Cragin Josiah Wheel Nathl Wheel Josiah Hayward Jonathan Parlin and Peter Law Entered their Decents against the proceeding of the town on the third article

4 It was propounded whether the Town will accept of a way to accomodate John and Robert Chaffin according to the Return of said way made by the Select men voted on the affirmative

5 it was propounded whether the Town will discontinue the Bridle way formerly laid out to accomodate Hugh Foster voted on the affirmative and then it was propounded whether the Town will accept of a Bridle way to accomodate said Foster according to the Return of said way made by the Select men. voted on the affirmative

6 it was propounded whether the Town will Grant Ephraim Holmes and others the vacant parts of the front Gallary and it passed in the Negative

7 it was propounded whether the Town will accept of an open way through Daniel Brooks Land according to the Return of said way made by the Select men voted on the affirmative

8 it was propounded whether the Town shall Run at Large this present year voted on the affirmative and then the meeting was dismist

may ye 24: 1753

To an order to Samson Wheeler for Two Shillings and ten pence it Being for taking Care of Lydia Russel — $0 = 2 = 10$

December ye 3: 1753

To an order to the Select men for Six pounds fourteen Shillings and Eight pence it Being for Barkers High way Charges — $6 = 14 = 8$

at the Same time an order to Jonathan parlin for Nine Shilling and four pence it Being for the High way Charges — $0 = 9 = 4$

at the Same time an order to John Reals Jun for fifteen Shillings and Eight pence it Being for High way Charges — $0 = 15 = 8$

at the Same time an order to Lunt Billing for two pounds five Shillings and four pence it Being for the High way Charges — $2 = 5 = 4$

may ye 12: 1753

To an order to mr Josiah Piper for four pounds it being for mr Eustath Sevier in keeping School in the South part of the town and like wise in the middle part of the town in full — $4 = 0 = 0$

may ye 12: 1753

To an order to mr Josiah Piper for Nine Shillings and four pence it Being for taking Care of the meeting House the year past in full — $0 = 9 = 4$

December ye 31: 1753

To an order to mr Josiah Hayward for fifteen Shillings and Eight pence it Being for plank for Law Bridge — $0 = 15 = 8$

December ye 3 1753

To an order to John Emery for subsisting Lydia Russel Eight weeks at two and Eight pence per week — $1 = 1 = 4$

at the Same time an order to Oliver Wheeler for subsisting Lydia Russel Thirty one weeks at two Shillings and Eight pence per week — $4 = 2 = 8$

December ye 10: 1753

To an order to Deacon Heals for one pound fourteen Shillings it Being for Tene and money Expended in the Towns School this present year — $1 = 14 = 0$

march ye 4: 1754

To an order to mr Samuel Jones for two Shillings for a Day work on the Line Between Concord and Acton — $0 = 2 = 0$

at the Same time an order to Ephraim Holmes for two Shillings for a Days work on the Line Between Acton and Acton — $0 = 2 = 0$

at the Same time an order to Eus mark White for three Shillings and two pence it being due to him from the town for High way work in full — $0 = 3 = 2$

May ye 15: 1753

Then the Select men met and appointed a Town meeting to be at the meeting House on Friday ye 25 day of this Instant. May at Two of the Clock in the afternoon to Conclude on the following articles (viz)

- 1 To Se if the Town will agree to Chuse a Representative
- 2 To Se if the Town will Chuse a Committee to make an Agreement with the Revd Mr John Swift upon the Common price of the keepings of Life in this and the neighbouring Towns at the times of his Settlements and have the Agreement Transmitted to the Town Records and to be Conformed unto in Computing and Adjusting Mr Swifts Salary from time to time or pass any other vote that may be thought proper when met Relating to Said Salary
- 3 To Se How much money the Town will Raise to Defrey the keepary Charges that have Arisen or may Arise within the Same this present year
- 4 To Se if the Town will agree to have a Writing and a Reading School this present year as also to Se How much money the Town will Raise to Support Said School or pass any other vote that may be thought proper when met Relating to Said School
- 5 To Se if the Town will Give Those persons Liberty to work out their High way Rate for the year past that is Behind this present year and the Same was Committed to the Constable

May ye 25: 1753

At a General Town meeting at the meeting House it Being Legally warned as appeared by the Return of the Constable on his warrants and on the first Article it was propounded whether the Town will Chuse a Representative and it passed in the Negative

and

and then Deacon John Heald was Chosen Moderator for Said meeting and proceeded as follows

- 1 it was propounded whether the Town will Chuse a Committee to make an Agreement with the Revd Mr John Swift Relating to his Salary voted in the Negative and then it was propounded whether the Town will add So much to the Revd Mr Swifts Salary as to make it up fifty pounds Lawfull money for this present year voted in the affirmative
- 2 it was propounded whether the Town will Raise Sixteen pounds Lawfull money to Defrey the keepary Charges that have Arisen or may Arise this present year voted on the affirmative
- 3 it was propounded whether the Town will have a Writing and a Reading School this present year voted in the affirmative and then it was propounded whether the Town will Raise Twelve pounds Lawfull money to Support Said School voted on the affirmative and then it was propounded whether the Select men shall divide the town into five parts voted in the affirmative
- 4 it was propounded whether the Town will Give Those persons Liberty to work out their High way Rate in Case they do it in a month from this time voted on the affirmative and then the meeting was dismissed

Atton February ye 2: 1753

Then the the Subscribers Laid out a High way to accomodate John and Robert Chaffin to meeting Beginning at Said Chaffin Land where is a black oak tree marked then to a black oak then to a white oak then to a grey oak then to a black oak then to a walnut then to a black oak then to a grey oak then to a white oak on the Shading place then to a grey oak then to a grey oak then to a white oak above Said marks are on Mr Noyes Land

and

and then to a Grey oke on Cepo Freeman's Land then
to a white oke then to a white oke on said Noyes Land
then to a Small Grey oke then to a white oke then
to a Small Grey oke then to a grey oke then to a pitch
pine then to a Red oke then to a white oke then to a
Grey oke then to a white oke then to a white oke
then to grey oke then to a black oke then to a Grey
oke then to a white oke then to a black oke then
to a white oke then to a white oke then to a grey
oke then to a heap of Stones on a Rock then to a
maple then to a black oke then to a Red oke then
to a grey oke then to a Grey oke then to a pitch pine
then to a white oke then to a walnut then to a white
oke at the Road that Leads from Mr. Allen's to the
meeting House. Said way is two Rods wide and the marks
are on the Northernly Side of said way.

Jonathan Hofmes } Select. men.
Daniel Fletcher }

February ye. 10: 1753

Then we the Subscribers Laid out a Convenient
Bridle way for to accomodate Mr. Hugh Foster Beginning
at said Hofmes Land & Running as Mr. William Wheelers
wall stands till it comes to the End of it then to a
Great Rock then Straight to a heap of Stones by
the Brook in Mr. Nathan Robbins Land then
across the Brook to a white oke marked in
Lunt Hunts pasture then Straight to the gap
in the wall at the End of Mr. Abraham Woods Imp
the same is two Rods wide the marks are on the
Northernly Side of said way said way is to have
Conveniently Gates.

Jonathan Hofmes } Select. men.
Daniel Fletcher }

February ye. 13: 1753
Then we the Subscribers Laid out a way from
Littleton Line to Mr. Gattles place where Mr. Allen
now Dwells Beginning at Littleton Line at a heap of
Stones where Littleton left there Road then to a heap
of Stones in Daniel Brooks Land then to a walnut tree
then to a heap of Stones on a Rock then to the Stone
wall and by the wall to Mr. Pipers Land the one half
in Mr. Pipers Land the other half in Mr. Brooks Land
to a heap of Stones in Mr. Simon Gattles Land then to a
Black oke then to a white oke then to a heap of Stones
and so to the Road that Leads from Mr. Allen's to the
meeting House. Said way is two Rods wide and the marks
are on the Easternly Side of said way.

John Deale
Daniel Fletcher } Select. men.

Being Notified By the Select men of Concord to ^{Deale} ^{Deale}
and Renew the Bounds Between Concord and Acton. Mess^{rs}
Abishai Brown Stephen Hofmes Jun. and Ephraim Jones of
Concord Legally appeared from Concord and Mess^{rs} John Cragin
Samuel Jones and Daniel Fletcher Legally appeared from
Acton at the House of Mr. Joseph Hayward on Monday
the Sixteenth Day of April and did Joyn and did Renew
the Bound marks from Sudbury Corner to the Elm Stump by
Mr. John Parlin and then Concord Refused to Renew any
further.

and Then June ye. 14: 1753 Being Notified again by the
Select men of Concord to meet there in order to Run
the Line through and avoindingly Mr. John Cragin
and Mr. Daniel Fletcher and Jonathan Hofmes from
Acton did meet Mess^{rs} Abishai Brown and David Parlin
appointed by the Select men of Concord on June ye. 7
1753 at the House of Mr. John Parlin in said Concord and
did Renew the Bounds from the Elm Stump afore said
and the first mark Renewed was a Stump and Stones on
its head the widow Heeds Barn and then a pitch pine tree
marked and then a white oke tree marked at Billerica
Line Commonly Called Berry Corner.

October ye 9: 1753

Then the Select men Appointed a Town meeting to be at the meeting House on Monday ye fifteenth Day of this Instant October at two of the Clock in the afternoon to Consider and Conclude on the following Articles (viz)

- 1 To Chuse a Constable in the Room of Mr John Cragin who Refused to serve as Constable
- 2 To See how much money the Town will Raise to Defray the Charges that have arisen Relating to the High way Through John Baskers Iron Land and the same was Committed to the Constable

October ye 15: 1753

At a General Town meeting at the meeting House it Being Legally warned as appeared by the Return of the Constable on his warrant Deacon John Heals was Chosen moderator for said meeting and proceeded as follows on the first article Mr Joseph Robbins was Chosen Constable for the South west part of said town

- 2 article propounded whether the Town will Raise thirty pounds to Defray the Charges that have arisen Relating to the High way Through John Baskers Iron Land voted on the affirmative and then the meeting was dismissed

February ye 9: 1754

Then the Select men Appointed a Town meeting to be at the meeting House on Monday the fourth Day of March Next at one of the Clock in the afternoon to Consider and Conclude on the following article (viz)

- 1 To Chuse Town officers for the year ensuing
- 2 To See if the Town will accept of a Bridle way Laid out through Mr Faulkners Land to accomodate Mr John Adams according to the Return of said way
- 3 To See if the Town will agree to let the Swine Run at Large this present year and the same was Committed to the Constable

March ye 2: 1754

At a General Town meeting at the meeting House it Being Legally warned as appeared by the Returns of the Constable on their warrants Deacon Heals was Chosen moderator for said meeting and Jonathan Holmes was Chosen Town Clerk and field man and Mr Ezeiel Davis was Chosen Constable for the south west part of said town and Mr Daniel Lark was Chosen Constable for the North west part of said town and Mr Daniel Platches was Chosen the second Select man and Capt Samuel Davies was Chosen the third Select man. And Lieut Jonathan Billings was Chosen Town Treasurer and messrs John Adams Stephen Lark Daniel Brooks Oliver Wheelers Immanuel White Deliverance Davis Joseph Wheelers and Nathan Robbins was Chosen

Surveyors of High ways and Mr William Conant and Mr David Forbush was Chosen Tything men and messrs Micah Davis William Cutting Joseph Baskel and Timothy Brooks was Chosen Hog Revers and Mr Daniel Shephard and Mr Cotton Procter was Chosen fence viewers and Mr John Baskel Sealer of Heights and measures

- 2 propounded whether the Town will accept of a Bridle way Laid out through Mr Faulkners Land to accomodate Mr John Adams according to the Return of said way voted on the affirmative
- 3 propounded whether the Swine shall Run at Large voted on the affirmative and then the meeting was dismissed

Auton January ye 30: 1754

Then we the Subscribers Laid out a Bridle way to accomodate Mr John Adams Beginning at Mr Adams Land the first mark is a Small walnut marked then a Black oak then a poplar then a walnut then an apple tree in Mr Faulkners orchard then Through said orchard to a Small birch then a Red oak then a white then Straight to Mr Faulkners Lane So along said Lane till it comes Next Mr Faulkners Barn to a heap of Stones by the wall then to a heap

of Stones on a Rock then to another Heap of Stones on a Rock then to a heap of Stones at the End of m^r Faulkners wall then to a heap of Stones on the bank then straight over the Brook Below the Saw mill to a Black oak on the bank on the other side of the Brook then to a heap of Stones by the wall Near James Faulkners Shop then to the former Road the marks are on the westerly side of said way and said way is two Rods wide and m^r Faulkner freely gave the Land all the way through. and m^r Faulkner and m^r Adams engaged to Build the two Small Bridges above the Grift mill

John Heald }
Jonathan Hofmes } Select men.
Daniel Fletcher }

Aston December ye 27: 1754

Then wee the Subscribers Laid out a convenient High way to accomodate Jonathan Hofmes and m^r Ephraim Hofmes through Land of m^r William Cutting begining at a Gray oak Near the Line between m^r Samuel Jones and m^r Ephraim Hofmes from thence to a Gray oak from there to a Gray oak by the Road that Leads from m^r Samuel Jones to the meeting House and the Road to be two Rods wide and the marks are on the Northerly Side of said way

Samuel Hayward }
John Davis Jun^r } Select men.
Samuel Jones }

march ye 4: 1754

To an order to m^r Daniel Fletcher for five pounds three Shillings and eight pence it being for m^r Barbers Execution and Interest in full $5-3-8$

at the Same time another order to Daniel Fletcher for two pounds two Shilling for time and money Expended in the Towns Service the year past and Likewise for seven Shillings for Boarding the School $2-2-0$
 $0-7-0$
master

march ye 12: 1754

To an order to Jonathan Hofmes for six pounds eight Shillings and four pence it being for time and money Expended in the Towns Service the year past $2-18-4$

at the Same time an order to Lieut. Billings for six Shilling and eight pence for his Service as Towns Corporal the year past $0-6-8$

march ye 18: 1754

To an order to Capt. Davies for two Shillings it Being due to him for work for the town $0-2-0$

April ye 3: 1754

To an order to m^r John Crayin Jun^r for two pounds one Shilling for his Service in keeping School in the South east part of the town in full $2-1-0$

April ye 6: 1754

To an order to m^r Joseph Robbins for six pounds two Shillings and eight pence for m^r Josephs Service in keeping School in the South and South west part of the town $6-2-8$

at the Same time an order to said Joseph Robbins for one pound it being for Jonathan Hofmes Service in keeping School in the East part of the town $1-0-0$

February ye 13: 1758

Then the Select men Laid out a Convenient, Bridle way to accomodate Mr Nathan Wheel and Mr James Faulkner Beginning at a white oak standing on the Northwesterly side of the Road that Leads from Stephen Rogers to Concord from thence to a black oak from thence to a large Rock all in Mr Nathan Wheelers Land from thence to a walnut tree marked in Lieut. Hunts Land from thence to a Grey oak in Mr William Cuttings Land from thence two Rods to the North of Mr Cuttings Barn from thence to a heap of Stones in Said Cuttings Land from thence through part of Mr William Cuttings Land and through a small Bit of Land of Jonathan Hoffners till it Comes to a small walnut marked by the side of the Road that Leads from Mr Samuel Jones to the meeting House and the Bounds are on the North westerly side of Said way all Excepting Mr Cuttings Barn and the way to be two Rods wide and Mr Nathan Wheel and Lieut. Hunt. and Mr William Cuttings freely gave the way through their Land

John Davis Jun.
Samuel Jones
Samuel Hayward

Select men of Acton.

May ye 14: 1754

Then the Select men Appointed a Town meeting to be at the meeting House on Tuesday the Twentieth day of May at two of the Clock in the afternoon to Consider and Conclude on the following articles (viz)

- 1 To Se if the Town will Chuse a Representative
- 2 To Se if the Town will agree to Joyn with the Revd Mr Swift in Chusing a Committee to make an agreement with the Revd Mr Swift upon the Common price of the Necessaries of Life in this and the Neighbouring towns at the time of his Settlement and have the same agreement Transmitted to the Town Records to be confirmed unto in Computing and Adjusting Mr Swifts Salary from time to time or pass any other vote that may be thought proper when met Relating to Said Salary
- 3 To Se How much money the town Raise to defray the necessary Charges that have ~~been~~ or may arise within the same this present year
- 4 To Se How much money the town will Raise to Support a Reading and a ~~reading~~ School for this present year and Likewise pass any other vote that may be thought proper when met Relating to Said School
- 5 To Se How many days that Every man Shall work at the High ways this present year over and Above what the Law Directs and the same was Committed to the Constables

May ye 25: 1754

at a General Town meeting at the meeting House it Being Legally warned as appeared by the Returns of the Constables on their warrants and the first article it was propounded whether the Town will Chuse a Representative and it passed in the Negative and then Mr Daniel Gilets was Chosen moderator for Said meeting and proceeded as follows

2. on the Second article it was propounded whether the town will join with with the Rebd m^r Swift in Chusing a Committee to make an agreement with the Rebd m^r Swift upon the Common price of the Newspapers of Life in this and the neighbouring town at the times of the Settlement and have the Same transmitted to the Town Records to be confirmed unto in Computing and Adjusting m^r Swifts Salary from time to time voted in the affirmative
- and then it was propounded whether the town will Chuse five men for a Committee voted in the affirmative propounded whether the town will Add two more to the Committee voted on the affirmative
- propounded whether the Select men and m^r Faulkner and m^r Josiah Hayward Deacon John Brooks and m^r John Davis Jun. Shall be a Committee to manage said affair voted on the affirmative
3. propounded whether the ^{Town} will Raise Sixteen pounds to Defray the Newspaper Charges that have or may arise this present year voted on the affirmative
4. To be whether the town will Raise Twelve pounds to Support a Reading and a writing School voted on the affirmative
- and then it was propounded whether the Select men Shall divide the town into five parts voted on the affirmative
5. and the fifth article was propounded and passed in the Negative and then the meeting was dissolved

march ye 3: 1754

To an order to m^r Francis Faulkner for Nine Shillings and Nine pence it Being for Labours at Hugh Fosters Bridge in fall - 0-9-6

January ye 29: 1754
To an order to m^r Jonathan Parlin for four pounds ten Shillings and Eight pence it Being for money which the Town Borrowed of him for Batters High way the full of his demands 4-10-8

December ye 16: 1754
To an order to m^r Nathan Robbins for one pound one Shilling and one penny it Being for Labour at Hugh Fosters Bridge the whole of his demands 1-1-1

at the Same time an order to m^r Micah Robbins for one pound one Shilling and four pence for the Same Bridge the whole of his demands 1-1-4

December ye 18
To an order to m^r William Cutting for Eight Shillings and Nine pence it Being for the Same Bridge the whole of his demands 0-8-9

December ye 23: 1754
To an order to m^r Nathan Wheeler for Nineteen Shillings and Eleven pence it being for the Same Bridge the whole of his demands 0-19-11

at the Same time an order to m^r Hugh Foster for Seventeen Shillings and three pence it Being for the Same Bridge the whole of his demands 0-17-3

January ye 15: 1754
To an order to m^r Samuel Jones for fifteen Shillings and one penny it Being for the Same Bridge the whole of his demands 0-15-1

February ye 6: 1754
To an order to m^r David Frost for three Shillings and Nine pence it Being for the Same Bridge the whole of his demands 0-3-9

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Euton November ye 13: 1754

Whereas we the Subscribers Being Appointed a Committee to State the prices of the Necessaries of Life at the time of the Rev^d m^r Swifts Settlement among us and accordingly we have according to our Best Information found the price as they was sold in this and the neighbouring Towns to be as follows (viz)

Indian Corn Thirty Bushels at Six Shillings pr Bushel
Twenty Bushels of Rice at ten Shillings pr Bushel
five Hundred weight of pork at Eight pence pr pound
three Hundred weight of Beef at five pence pr pound
Twenty five pound of Chesnut wood at three Shillings and Six pence pr pound
Fifteen pound of Cotton wool at four Shillings and Six pence pr pound
fifty pound of flax at one Shilling and three pence pr pound
Sugar fifty lbs pound at one Shilling and four pence pr pound
Twenty Gallons of Rum at Eight Shillings pr Gallon
Eighty weight of Butter at one Shilling and four pence pr pound
Two Hides at three pounds pr Hide
Ten pair of shoes at fifteen Shillings pr pair

Ammi Faulkner
John Brooks
Josiah Hay ward
Jonathan Hofmel
Samuel Davies
John Davis Jun
Daniel Fletcher

Committee

Nov^r 11: 1754

These may Certify that I the Subscriber am Content with the above amount of the price of Necessaries of Life at the time of my Settlement in the Town of Euton with my hand the Date above

John Swift

ordered on this Book of Records

Attest Jonathan Hofmel Town Clerk

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February ye 3: 1754

Then the Select men appointed a town meeting to be at the meeting House in said town on the first Monday of march Next at one of the Clock in the afternoon to Consider and Conclude on the following articles (viz)

- 1 That Chuse Town officers for the year ensuing
- 2 To See if the town will agree to Let the Shire Run at Large this present year and the Same was Committed to the Constables

march ye 3: 1755 meeting
At a General Town meeting being Legally warned as appeared by the Returns of the Constables on their warrants Deacon Heals was Chosen moderator for said meeting and proceeded as follows Jonathan Hofmel was Chosen Town Clerk and first Select man and m^r John Thomas was Chosen Constable for the South west part of said town and John Heals Jun. was Chosen Constable for the Northeast part of said town and Lieut Daniel Fletcher was Chosen the Second Select man and Capt Samuel Davies was Chosen the third Select man and Lieut Jonathan Billiny was Chosen Town Overseer and Deacon John Brooks and Francis Faulkner Deacons Brooks Robert Chaffer William Conant Jeremiah White and Joseph Wooley was Chosen Surveyors of High ways and John Davis Jun Titus Law was Chosen Tithing men and Ephraim Hofmel and Joseph Robbans was Chosen fence viewers and Nathan Wheel and Daniel Brooks and Samuel White was Chosen Hogreves and John Davis Jun was Chosen Sealer of weights and measures
it was propounded whether the Shire shall Run at Large this present year voted on the affirmative and then the meeting was dismissed

march ye 3: 1755

To an order to Jonathan Hofmel for one pound
Eight Shillings and two pence its being for time and
money Expended in the towns Service the year
past $1-8-2$

at the Same time an order to Lieut. Fletcher
for ten Shillings for time and money Expended in
the towns Service the year past $0-10-0$

at the Same time an order to Joseph Piper
for Twelve Shillings its Being for his Service
in taking Care of the meeting House the
year past $0-12-0$

at the Same time an order to Lieut Billing
for Eight Shillings for his Service as town
treasurer the year past $0-8-0$

at the Same time an order to John Cragin
for two Shillings its Being for a days work
upon the Line Between Concord and Acton $0-2-0$

at the Same time an order to Robert Chaffin
for three Shillings its Being Remitted on his previous
Rate for his poll $0-3-0$

march ye 4: 1755

To an order to Mr Stephen Lons for ten Shillings
its Being for the Care of a wild Cat $0-10-0$

march ye 31: 1755

To an order to Mr John Cragin Jun for two pounds
Eight Shillings its being for his Service in keeping
School in the South East part of the town
in full $2-8-0$

April ye 2: 1755

To an order to Mr Ephraim Smith for two pounds
its Being for his Service in keeping School in the
North part of the town $2-0-0$

at the Same time an order to Capt Davies
for fourteen Shilling for time Spent in the towns
Service the year past and likewise the Sum of
Six Shilling which was due to Mr Davies for
taking Care of Abigail Russell when she was
sick the whole of his demand $1-0-0$

April ye 4: 1755

To an order to Mr Ezekiel Davis for four pounds
Sixteen Shillings its Being for Mr Thomas Ebelth
Service in keeping School in the South and Southwest
parts of the town in full $4-16-0$

April ye 17: 1755

To an order to Mr Ezra Wheeler for one pound fifteen
Shillings and four pence its being for his Service in
keeping School in the East part of the town $1-15-4$
at the Same time an order to Capt Phineas
Of good for Twelve Shillings and Eight pence its being
upon an order from Said Ezra Wheeler in full $0-12-8$

May ye 14: 1755

Then the Select men Appointed a Town meeting to be at the meeting House on Friday ye twenty third day of this Instant May at two of the Clock in the afternoon to Consider and Conclude on the following articles (viz)

1. To See if the Town will agree to Chuse a Represent^{ive}
2. To See if the Town will Grant the Reed m^r Swift Six pounds thirteen Shillings and four pence for to make good his Contract the four years that the Town is Not discharged for: or Chuse a Committee to Compute the four years Salary to be what the Town is Indebted to the Reed m^r Swift.
3. To See How much money the Town will Raise to Defray the Necessary Charges that have arisen or may arise this present year
4. To See How much money the Town will Raise to Support a Reading and a Writing School this present year and likewise pay any other vote that may be thought proper wherunto Relating to said School and the Same was Committed to the Constables

May ye 23: 1755

At a General Town meeting it Being Legally warned as appeared by the Returns of the Constables on their warrants it was propounded whether the Town will Chuse a Representative voted on the Negative and then Deacon John Neal was Chosen moderator for said meeting and proceeded as follows

1. it was propounded Whether the town will Grant the Reed m^r Swift Six pounds thirteen Shillings and four pence to make good his Salary the four years the town is Not discharged for voted on the affirmative
2. it was propounded whether the Town will Raise thirteen pounds six Shillings and eight pence to Defray the Necessary Charges that have or may arise this present year voted on the affirmative
3. it was propounded whether the Town will Raise twelve pounds to Support a Reading and a Writing School voted in ye affirmative

and

and then it was propounded whether the Town shall be divided into five parts voted in the affirmative propounded whether the Select men shall divide said School according to what Every ones pay is voted on the affirmative and then the meeting was dissolved

Luton April ye 14: 1755

When we the Subscribers Came to an agreement that for the future that m^r John Davis shall pay for one half of his personal Estate at Carlisle and one half at Luton

brother Hosmer } Select men
John Green }
Sam^l Davies } for Luton
Daniel Fletcher }
John Russell } Select men for Carlisle
John Green }
Jon^a puffer }

August ye 29: 1755

Then the Select men met and Appointed a town meeting to be at the meeting House on Tuesday the Second day of September Next at two of the Clock in the afternoon to Consider and Conclude on the following article (viz)

To See if the Town will agree to Chuse a Committee to go to the Great and General Court on the Second Tuesday of the sitting of said Court to give Reasons why the said Court should not set off any part of said Town of Luton and the Same was Committed to the Constables

September ye 2: 1755

at a General Town meeting it Being Legally warned as appeared by the Returns of the Constables on their warrants Deacon Brooks was Chosen moderator for said meeting and proceeded as follows

propounded whether the town will Chuse a Committee to go to the great and General Court to Give the Reasons why the said Great and General Court should not set off any part of the town of Luton voted on the affirmative propounded whether that Capt Davis and Capt Fletcher and m^r John Davis sh^d be a Committee to manage the affair voted on the affirmative and then the meeting was dissolved

November ye 26. 1749 ¹²⁸

To an order to Mr John Adams for Eighteen Shillings and Eight pence it being for Labour at Mr Faulkners Bridge in full

0: 18: 8

December ye 17: 1749

To an order to Mr William Cutting for ten Shillings and Six pence it being for Labour at Mr Faulkners Bridge in full

0: 10: 6

January ye 10: 1750

To an order to Mr Micah Robbins for five Shillings and four pence it being for Labour at Mr Faulkners Bridge in full

0: 5: 4

January ye 29: 1750

To an order to Mr David Forbush for Nine Shillings and Six pence it being for Labour at Mr Faulkners Bridge in full

0: 9: 6

At the same time an order to Mr Francis Faulkner for one pound Eight Shillings and four pence it being for Labour at said Bridge in full

1: 8: 4

At the same time an order to Mr James Faulkner for Nine Shilling and Seven pence it being for the same Bridge in full

0: 9: 7

January ye 22: 1750

To an order to Lieut Billing for three pound Seven Shillings and four pence it being for money the Lieut men borrowed of him to satisfy Bakers Execution in full

3: 11: 4

At the same time an order to Capt Pitches for Two pounds five Shillings and eight pence it being for plank for Mr Faulkners Bridge and for money he paid for the town upon walthams account

2: 5: 8

January ye 21: 1750 ¹²⁹

To an order to Mr John Davis for two pounds Seven Shillings and four pence it being for time and Expenses at the Great and General Court in full

2: 7: 4

February 1750

To an order to Mr Daniel Lock for three Shilling it being Remitted on Mr John Davis Rates

0: 3: 0

March ye 1: 1750

To an order to Mr Nathan Robbins for two pound one Shilling and Six pence it being for Labour at Mr Faulkners Bridge in full

2: 1: 6

March 8th 1750

To an order to Capt Davis for one pound ^{at selectman} ~~fraud~~ 8th 00

March ye 1st 1750

To an order to Daron Hosmer for one pound ~~fraud~~ ^{three shillings} ~~fraud~~ it being for time & money ^{from the} 1-12-0

March ye 1st 1750

To an order to Senah pifer for ^{his service in keeping the meeting house} Twelve Shillings 0: 12: 0

March ye 1st 1750

To an order to Samuel Jones for ^{for Joseph Jones of Mr Faulkners} five Shillings 0: 5: 0

March ye 1st 1750

To an order to Jonathan Billings for Eight Shillings for his service in the office of a town treasurer 0: 8: 0

February ye 23: 1750

To an order to Lieut. Billing for two pounds one Shilling and Seven pence in full for the School at Strawberry Hill

2: 1: 7

January 29 1756

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Then the select ^{men} met and ordered a Town meeting
to be on the first Monday of March to Consider of
The following articles

- 1 to Choose Town officers for the year ensuing year.
- 2 To see if the town will turn Mr David Brooks
bridle way into an open way
- 3 To see if the town will accept of a High way one
rod and an half wide to accomodate Leint Killings
from the end of the Lane near said Killings barn
Through the Land of Mr Joseph wooley till it comes
to Milton Road the wall being the bounds on
the Southeasterly Side of said way
- 4 To see if the Town will agree to let the Swine
Run at Large this present year

March 1st 1756

at a General Town meeting legally warned as
appeared by the Return of said warrants
Deacon Heald was Chosen Moderator for said meeting
and proceeded as follows John Davis Junr was Chosen
Town Clerk and first Select man and Mr Ephraim
Hoyner was Chosen Constable for the South west part of the town
and Mr Joseph wooley was Chosen Constable for the North
East part of said town But Mr John Heald Junr was accepted
by his Room — and Mr Saml Jones was Chosen the 2nd Select
man and of Select men was Barn Appleton
and Leint Killings was Chosen Town Treasurer
and Leint Killings John Emory Senr^r & Joseph Parker
Junr & Daniel Brooks Simon Hunt and William
Conant & David Brooks were Chosen fence viewers
Nathl Wheelier and Titus Law was Chosen Rying men
Samson Wheter and Cotton Pickett was Chosen Haywens
2 To see if the town turn Mr David Brooks his bridle way into
an open way voted in the affirmative
3 To see if the town will accept of a High way laid out to
accomodate Leint Killings voted in the affirmative
4 To see if the town will agree to let the Swine Run at Large this
present year voted in the affirmative

March 2 1756

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To an order to Deacon Holmer of two pounds eight Shillings and ten
pence for keeping school in the southeast part of the town 2. 8. 10
March 17 1756

To an order to Capt Davis for one pound ^{ten} Shillings & four pence for
his son Nathan keeping school in the northeast part of the town 1. 6. 4

March 17 1756

To an order to Samuel wheelier of one pound for Shillings & four pence
for his service in keeping school in the northeast part of the town 1. 6. 4

April 30th 1756

To an order to Mr Francis Eveleth for one pound nineteen Shillings
and one penny for his service in keeping school in East Haywards part
of the town it being in full for that part 1. 19. 1

April 30th 1756

To an order to Mr Francis Eveleth for one pound sixteen
Shillings & ten pence for his service in keeping of school in
the middle part of the town 1. 16. 10

August 4th 1756

To an order to John Adams by Deacon of Samuel Whig
Pater Quincy admitted then ^{his} eighteen Shillings and three pence
1. 18. 3

April 9 1756

Open the plot of action and the select men of Carlisle met to Renew the
bounds between the town of action and the select of Carlisle and began
at a black oak near Mr William Connants standing in the line between
action & Carlisle and Renewed the same by laying stones about it and
from thence Northwaly to a rock & a heap of stones out and Renewed the
same from thence to a heap of stones near John Edwards his heap and
Renewed the same & from thence to a heap of stones at the Elm
Hump and Renewed the same from thence to a white oak hump and a
heap of stones on the same and Renewed it as it was allowed to be the
line between Concord & action by a Committee from the great and small
Court from thence to a pitch pine tree which action challenged for
the line between action & Carlisle and Renewed the same by
laying of stones about it from thence to a white oak tree (called
Brown Corner which was Renewed by each party
The person that performed to work from action was John Davis Junr
and Mr John Cagin
and from Carlisle Mr Benjamin Brown and Mr John Green
and Mr William Pickett

May 2 1756

To an order to Leint Killings for one pound four Shillings and four pence
for school money to be kept for the use of the school in that part
1. 4. 8

May 3: 1756

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Then the select men appointed a Town meeting, to be at the meeting house on saturday the twentieth of May, pursuant at three of the clock in the afternoon to Consider and conclude on the following articles viz

- 1 To See if the Town will Raise a Representative this present year
- 2 To See if the Town will Raise to Defray the Necessary Charges arising this present year
- 3 To See much money the town will Raise to Support a Reading & Writing School this present year as also to See how many parts the town shall be Divided into for the School to be kept in
- 4 To See if the town will agree to Raise a Committee to take Care of the Timber that is yet Standing on the High ways in said acton, and the same was committed to the consideration

May the 20th - 1756

at a general Town meeting at the meeting House it being Legally warned as appeared by the Return of the Constable on their warrants

- 1 To See if the ^{town} will Raise a Representative this present Year voted in the Negative and then Mr Samuel Jones was Chosen moderator for said meeting
- 2 It was propounded whether ^{to} Raise Eight pounds to Defray the Necessary Charges arising in same this present year voted in the affirmative
- 3 it was put to vote to See if the town will Raise twelve pounds to Support a Reading and Writing School this present year voted in the affirmative and then it was propounded whether the town shall be Divided into six parts voted in the affirmative
- 4 it was put to vote See if the town will Raise a Committee to take Care of the timber that is Standing on the Highways in said town and the article was Dismissed then the meeting was Dismissed

May 3: 1756

To an order to Mr Samuel Jones for one pound Eighteen Shillings and four pence out of the school money to be kept for the use of the school in that part where he dwells

1-18-4

Acton Decemr 13th 1756

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at the Desire of John Parker Jun^r with the Subscribers met and viewed the Bound between said Parker and Littleton Road the old Bound being Lost and begun as followeth first at a small White oak marked at the End of Mr Joseph Wooley's wall from thence to a heap of stones by the side of the road that is nowised from thence to a heap of stones on a rock about three or four Rods from said Parker's House Northeastly from thence to a heap of stones by the mill Dick then Chipmull Dick to be the Bound till it comes near to the mill from thence to a pine tree marked near Mr Parker's house and the line and the marks are on the westerly side of said way

Samuel Hayward

John Davis Jun^r

Select men

January 19: 1757

To an order to Deacon Heald for one Shilling and four pence for his Service in Running the Lines between Chelmsford and Acton and between Hillerich and Acton

0-1-4

the same time to an order to Mr John Cragin Jun^r for one Shilling and four pence for his Service in Running the Lines between the Towns of Chelmsford and Acton and Hillerich and Acton

0-1-4

the same time to an order to Mr Samuel Wheeler for one Shilling and four pence for his Service in Running the Line between Westford and Acton

0-1-4

the same time to an order to Mr John Emory for one Shilling and four pence for his Service in Running the Lines between Westford and Acton

0-1-4

January 19: 1757

To an order to Mr Daniel Brooks for one Shilling and four pence for his Service in Running the Lines between Littleton and Acton

0-1-4

the same time to an order to Mr John Cragin for one Shilling and four pence for his Service in Running the Line between Acton and Carlisle

0-1-4

the same time to an order to Mr Hayward for two Shillings for his Service in Running the Line between Acton and Hillerich

0-2-0

the same time to an order to Ezekiel Davis for two Shillings for his Service in Running the Line between Acton and Hillerich

0-2-0

the same time to an order to Deacon Hosmer for one Shilling and four pence for his Service in Running the Line between Sudbury and Acton

0-1-4

January of 19: 1757

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To an order to Mr ~~John Davis~~ for one Shilling and four pence
for his Service in Running the Line between Acton and
~~Parliffe~~

0-1-4

February of 16: 1757

To an order to John Davis for two Shillings and
Eight pence for Running the Line between Littleton
and Acton and for Running the Line between Acton and
Parliffe

January of 19: 1757

To an order to Mr Saml Jones for one Shilling and
four pence for his Service in Running the Line between
Concord and Acton

0-2-8

the same time to an order to Mr Francis Faulkner
for one Shilling and four pence for his Service in Running
the Line between Concord and Acton

0-1-4

0-1-4

February of 14: 1757

Then we the Subscribers Laid out a convenient Way to accommo-
date Capt Daniel Fletcher and others Beginning at an apple tree
at the 3rd End of Capt Fletchers House by the Side of the
old Road marked from thence to a gray ash tree marked from
thence to a white oak from thence to a heap of stones from thence
to a Walnut from thence to another walnut from thence
to a white oak on the Concord Bank from thence to a white oak
on the gravel Near the new Bridge then to the old Road where
the Brook Runs through that comes out of the Pond that is in
Deacon Brooks his Land and the marks are on the Westward Side
of said way and the way is Two Rods wide Likwise Capt Fletcher
freely gave the Land

Samuel Jones

Samuel Hayward

John Davis

Select men

March of 7: 1757

To an order to Capt Davis for one pound five Shillings and eight pence
for his for Nathans Service in Keeping the School in Lent Billing
part
the same time to an order to Capt Davis for one pound for
his Service in helping make the State
the same to an order to Daniel Lock for one pound nineteen
Shillings for providing for the French

15-6-8

1-0-0

1-19-5

February of 14: 1757

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Then we the Subscribers Laid out a convenient Way to accommo-
date Mr Timothy Brooks through Land of Mr David Brooks
Beginning at a Stake & Heap of stones on the Southward Side of the
brook in the Line between David & Timothy Brooks then to a white
oak tree marked Near Mr David Brooks House then to a maple tree
marked then to the Road that was Laid out for David Brooks the Road to
be two Rods wide and the marks are on the Southward Side of the
Way and Mr David Brooks freely gave the Way through his Land

Samuel Jones

Samuel Hayward

Select men

February the 14th 1757

then the Select men and appointed a Town meeting to be at the
meeting House on Monday the Seventh Day of March Next
at one of the Clock in the afternoon to Consider and ^{on} Cur on
the following articles (viz)

- 1 To Chuse Town officers for the year ensuing
- 2 To see if the Town will Discontinue part of the way that
Leads from Capt Daniel Fletchers to the meeting House (viz)
from an apple tree Near East End of said Fletchers House
to the brook that Runs out of Deacon Brooks Pond allow the same
for the benefit of the said Capt Fletcher and his heirs forever as also
to see if the Town will accept of a bit of way Laid out by the Select
men to accomodate Capt Fletcher and others from the apple tree above
to the brook above said according to the Return of said way as also
to see if the Town will give liberty for Capt Fletcher to hang
two gates across the way if Granted for the space of two years
- 3 To see if the Town will accept of a bit of way Laid out by the
Select men to accomodate Mr Timothy Brooks through Land of Mr
David Brooks according to the Return of said way
- 4 To see if the Town will agree to Lent the meeting House this
present year and Chuse a Committee to assign to the several
Inhabitants their Respective Seats (Excepting those that have Seats and
to give to the Committee such orders to Manage the affair as they
shall think fit when met
- 5 To see if the Town will accept of the men whose Names the Select
men have taken Down to serve on the petit jury at the Inferiour Court as
they may be sent for from time to time
- 6 To see if the Town will agree to Let the Swine Run at Large this
present year and the same was Committed to the Constable

March of 7: 1757 Samuel Jones

To an order to Mr Jones for five Shillings for providing the Stock
at the same time to another order to Mr Samuel Jones for eleven
Shillings for time and money spent in the Town Service

0-5-0

0-11-0

March 7: 1757

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- at a General Town meeting at the meeting House it being legally warned as appeared by the Return of the Constable on their warrants and proceeded as followeth Deacon Heale was Chosen Moderator for said meeting John Davis Jr was Chosen Town Clerk and first select man and Mr David Stubbs was Chosen Constable for the South West part of said Town and Mr Daniel Brook was Chosen Constable for the Northeast part of said Town and Samuel Jones Chosen the second select man and Ens Hayward was Chosen the third select man and the select men was Chosen assessors and Lieut Billings was Chosen Town Treasurer and John Coffin Simon Tuttle Samuel Wheeler Jr Stephen Law Nathan Wheeler Amos Lamson Samuel Davis was Chosen Surveyors of High Ways and Nathaniel Wheeler and Joseph Robert was Chosen Hyems men but Timothy Brook was Chosen in the Room of Nathaniel Wheeler and Simon Hunt and Robert Coffin was Chosen fence viewers and Mr Mark Whitesides Chosen Culler of Staves and Sealer of Weights and Measures and Joseph Starr and Francis Coffin was Chosen Hogreaves and Micah Robens was Chosen Bear Seal and the above said officers were sworn to the faithful discharge of their respective offices
- 2 it was propounded whether the Town will Discontinue a bit of way from an apple tree near the East End of Capt Daniel Stitches House by the side of the Road to the brook that runs out of Deacon Brooks pond Voted in the affirmative then it was propounded whether the said bit of way should be for the Use of the said Capt Stitches and his heirs for ever the Town will accept of a bit of way Laid out by the select men from the apple tree above said to the brook above said according to the Return of said way Voted in the affirmative and then it was propounded to see if the Town will give Liberty for Capt Stitches to hang two gates across the above said Road for the Space of two years and it was Voted in the affirmative
- 3 it was propounded whether the Town will accept of a bit of way Laid out by the select men to accommodate Mr Timothy Brooks through Land of David Brooks and Nathaniel Wheeler according to the Return of said way and it was Voted in the affirmative
- 4 To see if the Town will agree to seat their meeting House this present year Voted in the affirmative and then it was propounded whether the select men together with Deacon Brooks Capt Stitches Lieut Billings Nathaniel Robert be a Committee to seat the meeting House Voted in the affirmative and it was Voted that they should seat according to pay having respect to age and circumstances as they might think proper when met and to look out three years each

5 To see if the Town will accept of those persons whose names the select men have taken down to serve on the Pettit Jury at the inferior Court as they may be called for from time to time and it was Voted on the affirmative

6 It was propounded whether the Town will agree to Let their Swine Run at Large this present year and it was Voted on the affirmative and then the meeting was Dismissed

March 7: 1757

To an order to Mr Amos Prebet for Eight Shillings for interest Money Due to his father 0 = 8 = 0

the Same time to an order to Ens Hayward for one pound thirteen Shillings & two pence for time and money spent at Charlestown Court 1 = 13 = 2

at the Same time to another order to Ens Hayward for fifteen Shillings & five pence for time and money spent in the towns Service 0 = 5 = 5

the Same time to an order to John Davis Jr for one pound twelve Shillings for time and money spent at Charlestown Court 1 = 12 = 0

the Same time to another order to John Davis Jr for one pound two Shillings and ten pence for time and money spent in the towns Service 1 = 2 = 10

The Same time to an order to Lieut Billings for one pound three Shillings and four pence for Boarding Mr Nathan Davis when he kept School in that part and for his Service as Treasurer and for some other Expence in the towns Service 1 = 3 = 4

March 29: 1757

To an order to Deacon Hopner for one pound seventeen Shillings and ten pence for his Service in keeping School in Capt Stitches part in full for that part 1 = 17 = 10

April 7: 1757

To an order to Deacon Hopner for one pound Eighteen Shillings and seven pence for his Service in keeping the School in Capt Davis part it being in full for that part 1 = 18 = 7

April 9: 1757

To an order to Mr Micah Robens for one pound four Shillings for taking Care of the meeting House and for Boarding of Mr Francis Revelle 1 = 4 = 0

May the 9: 1757

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Then the select men appointed a Town meeting to be at the Meeting House in said Town on Thursday the twentieth Day of May pursuant at three of the Clock in afternoon to consider and conclude on the following articles (172)

- 1 To see if the Town will agree to Chuse a Representative this present year
- 2 To see How much money the Town will Raise to Defray the Necessary Charges arising in the same this present year
- 3 To see How much money the Town will Raise to support a Reading & Writing School this present year as also to see how many parts the Town shall be Divided into for the School to be kept in
- 4 To see if the Town will find the Deacons nor John Swift the Cutting and transport of his firewood for the future by Granting annually money sufficient to Defray the Charges or pass any other vote Relating to that affair that they may think proper when met
- 5 To see if the Town will agree to Chuse a New Committee to seat the Meeting House this present year to assigne all the Inhabitant their Respective Seats Directing them those that have new and to give to said Committee such orders as they shall think fit and pass any other vote that they may think proper when met and the same was committed to the Constable

May 20: 1757

At a General Town meeting at the meeting House in said Town it being Legally warned as appeared by the Constable Returns on their Warrant

- 1 it was propounded whether the Town will Chuse a Representative and it was voted in the Negative and then Deacon Heath was Chosen Moderator for said Meeting
- 2 it was propounded whether the Town will Raise Ten pounds to Defray the Necessary Charges arising in the same this present year and it was voted in the affirmative
- 3 it was propounded whether the Town will Raise Twelve pounds to support a Reading and Writing School this present year and it was voted in the affirmative also it was propounded whether the Town shall be Divided into six parts for the school to be kept in and it was voted in the affirmative

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4 it was propounded whether the Town will Raise two pounds thirteen shillings and four pence for the Cutting and transport of the Deacons nor Swifts fire wood and it was voted in the affirmative

5 it was propounded whether the Town will Reconsider what was acted on the fourth article at their annual Meeting last march Relating to seating the meeting House all that has been Done since Relating to that affair and it was voted in the affirmative then it was propounded whether the Town will Chuse a Committee to seat the Meeting House this present year and it was voted in the affirmative and then it was propounded whether the Town will Chuse Deacon Brook, Lieut. Billings, Nathan Robens, Samuel Jones, Capt. Silvester, En. Hayward, John Davis, Jr. Ephraim Hosmer, Ephraim Haggard and Nehemiah Wheeler to be a Committee to seat the Meeting House and it was voted in the affirmative and it was propounded whether the Committee shall look back five years Real and personal Estate having respect to age and it was voted in the affirmative and then the Meeting was Dismissed

June 13: 1757

To an order to Mr Thomas Colette for four pounds Seven shillings and four pence for his Service in keeping School in Mr Jones part and in En Hayward part and in the Middle part it being in full for the three parts 4: 7 - 4

March ye 6: 1758

To an order to Mr David Forbush for ten shillings it being Remitted on the Rates of Mr Nathan Robens for the year past 0 - 10 - 0

March ye 6: 1758

To an order to Lieut. Billings for Eight shillings it being for his Service as Town Treasurer the year past 0 - 8 - 0

February ye 20: 1758 140

Then the select men met. and appointed a Town meeting to be at the meeting House on Monday the 28th day of March at one of the Clock in the afternoon to Consider and Conclude on the following articles (viz)

- 1 To Chuse Town officers for the year ensuing
- 2 To See if town will accept of a Bit. of way Laid out to accomodate Jonathan Hofmes and Ephraim Hofmes through Land of mr William Cuttings as may further appear at said meeting by the Return of said way
- 3 To See if the town will accept of a Bridleway Laid out by the Select men. to accomodate mr Nathan Wheel and mr James Faulkner through Land of of mr Nathan Wheel and Land of Lieut. Hunt and Land of mr Cuttings and through a small Bit of Jonathan Hofmes Land as may further appear by the Return of said way at the meeting
- 4 To See if the town will agree to Chuse a Committee to adjust accounts with the town Treasurers and to bring in their accounts at may meeting
- 5 To See if the town will agree that the town Treasurers shall Give a discharge to Josiah Piper and the Heirs of assigns of Lieut. Ebenezer Davies for the High way Rates which Josiah Piper and Lieut. Ebenezer Davies had committed to them to gather in the year 1752 where they was Constables
- 6 To See what the town will allow mr Horchick Wheel for an open way that was Granted through his Land in the year 1756
- 7 To See if the town will Dispose of a small bit of Land to mr Josiah Piper lying in the meeting House. Lot to the west of the Road that Leads from said piper to Concord and pass any vote they may think proper when met. Relating to that affair

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8 To See if the town will accept of the Report of the Committee that was Chosen to Seat the meeting House this present year or pass any other vote Relating to that affair that they may think proper when met

9 To See if the town will agree to Let the Swine Run at Large this present year and the same was Comitted to the Constables

March ye 6: 1758

at a General Town meeting at the meeting House, it being Legally warned as appeared by the Returns of the Constables on the warrants and Deacon Heald was Chosen moderator for said meeting and provided as follows Jonathan Hofmes was Chosen Town Clerk and Select man: and mr Ephraim Haggood was Chosen Constable for the Southwest part of said town and mr Nathaniel Edwards was Chosen Constable for the Northeast part of the town and Capt. J. Kitchel was Chosen the Second Select man: and mr Joseph Wooley was Chosen the third Select man: and the Select men was Chosen Abassadors and Lieut. Billing was Chosen Town Treasurer and mess Daniel Lock Timothy Brooks and Sampson Wheel and Titus Lutz and Nathan Robbins Robert Chaffin and Micah Koffen was Chosen Surveyors of High ways: and mr David Brooks and mr Samuel Wright was Chosen Tything men and mr Nathan Wheel and mr Samuel White was Chosen fence viewers and mr Mark White Turn was Chosen Dealer of weights and measures and like was Chosen Celler of Slaves and Shingles: and mr Eleazer Lottwell and mr Stephen Lutz was Chosen Hogreives

2. Hadas propounded whether the town will accept of a Bit. of way Laid out to accomodate Jonathan Hofmes and Ephraim Hofmes through Land of mr William Cuttings and it passed in the Affirmative

3. Hadas propounded whether the town will accept of a Bridleway to accomodate mr Nathan Wheel and mr James Faulkner according to the Return of said way voted in the Affirmative

- 4 it was propounded whether the Select men shall be a committee to adjust accounts with the Town Treasurers voted in the affirmative.
- 5 propounded whether the Town Treasurers shall be empowered to Give a discharge to Mr Josiah Pipes and the Assigns of Louis Ebenezer Davies Discharge for the Highway Rates which had to collect on the year 1756 and it passed in the affirmative
- 6 propounded whether the town will Give Mr Herzekiah Wheeler Twelve Shillings and Eight pence for the open way that was granted through his Land in the year 1756 voted in the affirmative
- 7 propounded whether the Select shall be a committee to settle the affair of this article and make Return thereof at the next meeting voted on the affirmative
- 8 propounded whether the town will accept of the Report of the Com^{tee} that was chosen to hear the meeting this present year voted in the affirmative
- 9 it was propounded whether the town will agree to Let the Swine Run at Large this present year and it passed in the affirmative

march ye 6: 1758

To an order to Mr Mirah Robbins for thirteen Shillings and four pence it being for taking care of the meeting House the year past — 0-13-4

march ye 6: 1758

To an order to Doctor Davis for four Shillings and Eight pence it be Remitted on his Rates — 0-4-8

march ye 6: 1758

To an order to Mr John Davis Jun for one pound ten Shillings and Six pence it being for time and money Expended in the towns Service the year past — 1-10-6

march ye 6: 1758

To an order to Mr Samuel Jones for one pound Eight Shillings it being for time and money Expended in the towns Service the year past — 1-6-0

march ye 6: 1758

To an order to Mrs Heyward for two pounds two Shillings and Eight pence it being for time and money Expended in the towns Service the year past — 2-2-8

march ye 6: 1758

To an order to Capt. Fletcher for one ~~Shilling~~ pound Eighteen Shillings and Six pence it being for his Service in keeping School in Deacon Brooks's part. — 1-18-0

march ye 27: 1758

To an order to Jonathan Hofman for three pounds one Shilling and Seven pence for keeping School in Mrs Heywards part and the middle of the town in full — 3-1-7

The Same time an order to Mr Josiah Pipes for Twelve Shillings for Boarding the School master at the middle of the town — 0-12-0

april ye 17: 1758

To an order to Mr Herzekiah Wheeler for thirteen Shillings and four pence it being for Mr Brooks's Highway — 0-13-4

may ye 11: 1758

To an order to Ephraim Hofman for one pound fifteen Shilling and Six pence it being Remitted on John Duggles and Job Dugges Rates in the year 1756 — 1-15-6

may ye 22: 1758

To an order to Mr David Froebuck for two pounds three shillings and five pence it being for Mr Gouletts Service in keeping School in the South part of the town

2-3-5

at the same time an order to Mr John Cragin Jun for two pounds three shillings and five pence for his Service in keeping School in Beacon Heards part of the town

2-3-5

june ye 12: 1758

To an order to Mr John Davis Jun for Eight Shillings it being for his driving Mr Simon Hunt in making Rates the year past

0-8-0

February ye 3: 1759

To an order to Mr Daniel Brooks for thirteen shillings and nine pence it being Remitted on Mr Samuel West Ministers Rate for ye year 1757

0-13-9

march ye 5: 1759

To an order to Lieut Billings for two pounds Eleven shillings and four pence for Repairing the Meeting House

2-11-4

at the same time an order to Lieut Billings for Eight shillings it being his Service as Town Treasurer the year past

0-8-0

at the same time an order to Mr John Barker Jun for one pound Eleven shillings and Six pence it being for taking Care of Margaret Lamson when she Lay in in full

1-11-6

at the same time an order to Mr Gershom Davies for two pounds it being for taking Care of Lydia Kussel when she Lay in in full of his Demands

2-0-0

may ye 11: 1758

When the Select men appointed a town meeting at the meeting House on Monday ye 22 day of May Instant at two of the Clock in the afternoon to Consider and Conclude on the following articles (viz)

1 To See if the Town will agree to Chuse a Representative
2 To See if the Town will agree to Chuse a Select man in the Room of Capt Fletcher
3 To See how much money the Town will Raise to Defray the Vespary Charges that shall arise with in the same this present year

4 To See how much money the Town will Grant to the Rev Mr Swift for procuring his fire wood this present year or pass any other vote that may be thought proper when relating to that affair

5 To See how much money the Town will Raise to Support a Reading and a writing School this present year: and pass any other vote relating to said School that may be thought proper when met

6 To See if the Town will accept of the Report of the Select men relating to Mr Josiah Puffers Request

7 To See if the Town will here and accept of the Report of the Com^{rs} that was Chosen to adjust accounts with the Town Treasurers and the same was submitted to the Constable

may ye 22: 1758

at a General Town meeting at the meeting House it being Legally warned as appeared by the Returns of the Constable on their warrants on the first article it was propounded whether the Town will Chuse a Representative and it passed in the Negative and then Beacon Heards was Chosen moderator for said meeting and proceeded as follows on the

2 article propounded whether the Town will Chuse a Select man in the Room of Capt Fletcher votes in the affirmative and then Lieut Billings was Chosen Select man

3 propounded whether the Town will Raise Seven pounds to Defray the Vespary Charges this present year votes on the affirmative

- 4 it was propounded whether the Town will Raise two pounds thirteen Shillings and four pence to procure the Red Mr Swifts fire wood voted in the affirmative
- 5 propounded whether the Town will Raise Twelve pounds to support a Reading and a writing School voted in the affirmative and then it was propounded whether the Town shall be divided into six parts voted in the affirmative and then it was propounded whether that each part shall have what money they pay to said School voted on the affirmative
- 6 it was propounded whether the Town will accept of the Report of the Select men Relating to Mr Joseph Pipers Request voted on the affirmative
- 7 propounded whether the Town will accept of the Report of the Committee that was chosen to adjust accounts with the Town Treasurer voted on the affirmative and then the meeting was dissolved

may ye 22: 1758

Then we the Subscribers agreed with Mr Joseph Pipers Concerning his Request about a Small bit of Land at the westely Corner of the meeting House Lot, and have Set off to said piper according to the following bounds (Viz) Beginning at the westely Corner of the meeting House Lot, Running Northwestly about two Rods and a half to a heap of Stones then Running Southwesterly about Eight Rods to the Road that Leads from the Red Mr Swifts to the meeting House then upon said Road Southwesterly about one Rod and Likewise have Set off from said Mr piper a two Rod way to accommodate the Red Mr Swift and the Heirs of Capt of good measure about fifteen Rods in Length

Joseph Wooley } Selectmen
Jonathan Holmes }

high piper

may ye 22: 1758
Then we the Subscribers adjusted accounts with the Town Treasurer and we find in the Treasurers hands the Sum of three pounds

Joseph wooley } Select men.
Jonathan Holmes }
Jonathan Billing Town Treasurer

march ye 15: 1759

To an order to Mr John Cragin for Six Shillings its being for his wifes Delivering of Margaret Lamson and Lydia Rusel in full 0-6-0

march ye 26: 1759

To an order to Mr Joseph Temple for one pound Six Shillings and Eight pence for his keeping School five weeks in the North West part of the Town in full 1-8-8

may ye 14: 1759

To an order to Eny Hapgood for thirteen Shillings and four pence its being for Mr Mirah Robbins taking Care of the meeting House the year past 0-13-4

at the Same time an order to Eny Hapgood for Twelve Shillings its being for Mr Abraham Scoffers Service in keeping School in Capt Haywards part 0-12-0

march ye 8: 1759

To an order to Mr Daniel Brooks for one pound two Shillings and four pence its being abated on Benjamin Allens Rates

1-2-4

February ye 10: 1759 then the Select men met and appointed a town meeting to be at the Meeting House on the first Monday of March next at one the Clock in the afternoon to Consider and Conclude on the following articles

- 1 To Chuse Town officers for the year ensuing
- 2 To see if the Town will agree to Assess the Town forthwith for the principal and Interest of the fifty pounds Debt that the Town owes the Estate of Mr Samuel Prescotts Late of Sutton deceased and to see the assessors Shall make the assessment by the Last Envoia or pass any other vote that may be thought proper when put Relating to that affair
- 3 To see if the Town will accept of a Short bit of way to accommodate the Rev Mr Smith and the Heirs of Capt of good Late of Sutton deceased according to the marks made by the Select men Last may said way is bound on Mr Josiah Pipers fence and said way is two Rods wide
- 4 To see if the Town will abate the Rates of Benjamin Allen Late of Sutton deceased which his father was assessed for in the year 1757
- 5 To see if the Town will agree to Let the Swine Run at Large this present year and the same was Committed to the Constables

March ye 15: 1759

at a General Town meeting the meeting House it being legally warned as appeared by the Returns of the Constables on their warrants and Capt Pletcher was chosen moderator for said meeting and provided as follows Jonathan Wymer was Chosen Town Clerk and Select man and Mr Josiah Hayward was Chosen Constable for the South-west part of said town and Mr Samuel White was Chosen Constable for the North-east part of the Town and Lieut Bellings was Chosen the second Select man and Capt Hayward was Chosen the third Select man and the Select men was Chosen assessors

and Lieut Bellings was Chosen Town Treasurer and Capt Davies Mr William Cutting and Mr Simon Middle and Mr David Brooks Capt Pletcher and Mr John Edwards and Mr John Cragin Dan. was Chosen Surveyors of Highways and Mr John Chaffin and Mr Francis Barker was Chosen Trything men Ward Lieut Adams and Mr Robert Chaffin was Chosen fence viewers and Mr Nath White was Chosen Sealers of weight and measured and Mr Francis Chaffin and Samuel Wheeler was Chosen Hogreves all which was sworn into their Respective Offices as the Law directs

- 2 it was propounded whether the Town Shall be assessed for the money they owe the Estate of Mr Samuel Prescotts Late of Sutton deceased this present year voted in the affirmative
- 3 it was propounded whether the Town would accept of a Short Bit of way to accommodate the Rev Mr Smith and the Heirs of Capt of good Late of Sutton deceased voted in the affirmative
- 4 it was propounded whether the Town would abate the Rates of Benjamin Allen Late of Sutton deceased voted in the affirmative
- 5 it was propounded whether the Swine Shall Run at Large this present year voted on the affirmative and then the meeting was dismissed

may ye 14: 1759

then the Select men met and appointed a Town meeting to be at the meeting House on Thursday the twenty fourth Day of this Instant may at one of the Clock in the afternoon to Consider and Conclude on the following articles (viz)

- 1 To see if the Town will agree to Chuse a Representative
- 2 To see How much money the Town will Raise to Defray the Rearing Charges that have or may arise within in the same this present year

3 To See How much money the Town will Raise to Support a Reading and a Writing School this present year: and Likewise to See how many parts the Town shall be divided in or pass any other vote that may be thought proper when met. Relating to said School

4 To See if the Town will agree to Chuse a Com^{tee} to Seat Mr Josiah Hayward and his wife in the meeting House according to their age and pay

5 To See How much money the Town will Raise to Support the french family this present year and pass any other vote that may be thought proper when met. Relating to said french family

6 To See if the Town will agree to Chuse a Surveyor of Highways in the Room of Cap^t Plutcher and the same was committed to the Constables

may ye 24: 1759

at a General Town meeting at the meeting House it being Legally warned is appeared by the Returns of the Constables on their warrants on the first article it was propounded whether the Town will Chuse a Representative and it passed in the negative and then Deacon John Head was Chosen moderator for said meeting and proceed as follows on the 2^d article

2. it was propounded whether the Town will Raise Twelve pounds to defray the necessary Charges that have or may arise this present year vote on the affirmative

3 it was propounded whether the Town will Raise Twelve pounds to support a Reading and a Writing School this present year vote on the affirmative

4 propounded whether the Town shall be Equally divided into Six parts vote on the affirmative
propounded whether that Each part shall have Two pounds vote on the affirmative

1 it was propounded whether the Town will Chuse a Committee to Seat Mr Josiah Hayward and his wife according to their age and pay vote on the affirmative
and then it was propounded whether the Selectmen shall be a Committee to Seat Mr Josiah Hayward and his wife vote on the affirmative

5 it was propounded whether the Town will Raise any money to Support the french family and it passed in the negative

6 it was propounded whether the Town will Chuse a Surveyor of Highways in the Room of Cap^t Plutcher vote on the affirmative
and then it was propounded whether that Mr Josiah Hayward shall be a Surveyor of Highways vote on the affirmative and then the meeting was dismissed

December ye 21: 1759

Town order to Mr John Gayin for two Shillings and eight pence it being for Repairing the Line between Concord and Acton

0-2-8

February ye 7: 1760
Town order to Mr Sampson Wheeler for fourteen Shillings and ten pence it being for Extraordinary work at the Highways and for taking Care of Lydia Kappel and her Child four weeks

0-14-10

February ye 13: 1760
Town order to Mr Gershom Davies for two pounds thirteen Shillings and four pence it being for Subsisting and taking Care of Lydia Kappel in the time of her Sickness the year past in fall

2-13-4

at the Same time an order to Lieut Bellings for Seven pounds Nineteen Shilling and four pence it being for Mr Apes respect for the money that was due from the town to Mr Samuel Gifford late of Acton Decap^t

7-19-4

at the Same time an order to Mr Samuel White for Shilling and four pence it being Remitted on Mr Daniel Whitneys Rates the year past

0-3-4

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February ye 19: 1760

To an order to Lieut. Billings for three pounds one Shilling
it Being for taking Care of Lydia Russel in her late sickness
and for time and money spent in the Towns Service the year
past. — 3-1-0

at the Same time an order to Capt Samuel Hayward
for one pound four Shillings it Being for keeping Lydia
Russel and time and money spent in the Towns Service
the year past. — 1-4-0

at the Same time an order to Jonathan Hofmes for
one pound Eleven Shillings it Being for time and money
Spent in the Towns Service the year past. — 1-11-0

February ye 16: 1760

To an order to Mr Jonas Allen Jun for fifteen
Shillings for keeping School two weeks and a half at Mr
Laws — 0-15-0

at the Same time an order to Mr Titus Law for
Seven Shillings and Six pence it Being for Boarding
Mr Jonas Allen Jun two weeks and a half when he kept
School — 0-7-6

at the Same time an order to the wife of Mr
Oliver Wheeler for five Shillings and four pence
it Being for Boarding Lydia Russel and Child
two weeks — 0-5-4

February ye 19: 1760

To an order to Mr John Heald Jun for
Twelve Shillings it Being for Boarding the
School master in full — 0-12-0

march ye 3: 1760

To an order to Mr Samuel Jones for Eight
Shillings it Being for Sawing plank for
the Capts Bridge in full — 0-8-0

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March ye 3: 1760

To an order to Jonathan Hofmes for one pound Eight
Shillings it Being for his Service in keeping School
at Mr John Healds — 1-8-0

at the Same time an order to Mr John Emery
for one Shilling and four pence it Being for half
a days work in Renewing the Boards between
Acton and Belerica and Chelmsford — 0-1-4

at the Same time an order to Mr David Brooks
for five Shillings and four pence for Sawing plank
for Mr Timothy Brooks Bridge — 0-5-4

at the Same time an order to Capt Davies for
for two pounds and Eight pence it Being in part
for Jonathan Hofmes keeping School at his House
and part for plank for his Bridge — 2-0-8

at the Same time an order to Mr Josiah Piper
for thirteen Shillings and four pence for taking
Care of the meeting House the year past. — 0-13-4

march ye 6: 1760

To an order to Mr John Fragin Jun for two pounds
for his Service in keeping School in Lieut
Billings Squadron — 2-0-0

march ye 13: 1760

To an order to Mr Nathan Robbins for two pounds
it Being for Mr Eveleths Services in keeping School in
the South part of the Town in full — 2-0-0

April ye 7: 1760

To an order to Mr William Barker for four pounds
fifteen Shillings and ten pence it being for his Service in
keeping School in the middle of the Town the
past two years past and one half of Benja Brooks
part. — 4-15-10

February ye 14: 1760

Then the Select men met and Appointed a Town meeting to be at the meeting House on the first Monday of March Next at one of the Clock in the afternoon to Consider and Conclude on the following Articles (viz)

- 1 To Chuse Town officers for the year Ensuing
- 2 To Se if the Town will accept of a Bridle way ~~Laid out~~ by the Select men through Mr Nathaniel Wheelers Land to accomodate Ensign Hapgood to meeting according to the Return of Said way at the meeting
- 3 To Se if the Town will agree to Seat Mr Daniel Lock and his wife in the meeting House according to their age and pay and Chuse a Committee for that purpose
- 4 To Se if the Town will free Mr Amos Lamson from working at the High way for two years upon the Account of his not having a High way
- 5 To Se what method the Town will take for the Suffering the French family and pass any vote relating to said French family that may be thought proper when met
- 6 To Se if the Town will agree to Let the Swine Run at Large this present year and the Same was Committed to the Constables

March ye 3: 1760

at a General Town meeting at the meeting House it being Legally warned as Appeard by the Constables Returns of their warrants and proceeded as follows Deacon Heald was Chosen moderator for Said meeting and Jonathan Hofner was Chosen Town Clerk and Select man and Mr Samuel Wright was Chosen Constable for the South west part of the town and Mr David Lamson was Chosen Constable for the North east parts of the town and Refused to Serve and Mr Simon Buttle was Chosen Constable for Said part

and Mr John Heald Jun was Chosen the Second Select man and Mr Francis Paulkner was Chosen the third Select man and the Select men was Chosen Assessors and Lieut Billing was Chosen Town Treasurer and Messrs Joseph Woolley John Emery Daniel Brooks James Paulkner Ensign Hapgood William Conant and Stephen Law was Chosen Surveyors of High ways and Mr Nathaniel Edwards and Mr Nathan Robbins was Chosen Tything men and Mr John Craigin Jun and Mr Simon Hunt was Chosen Geneversers and Mr Titus Law and Mr Nehemiah Wheeler was Chosen Hagervers and Mr Mark White was Chosen Sealer of weights and measures and Mr Samuel White was Chosen Culler of Shingles and Staves all which was Sworn into their respective offices as the Law directs

- 2 on the Second article it was propounded whether the Town will accept of a Bridle way Laid out to accomodate Ensign Hapgood to meeting according to the Return of Said way voted on the affirmative
- 3 it was propounded whether the Town will give Mr Daniel Lock and his Wife a Seat in the meeting House according to their age and pay voted on the affirmative and then it was propounded whether the Select men Shall be a Committee for that purpose voted on the affirmative
- 4 it was propounded whether the Town will free Mr Amos Lamson from working at the High ways for two years upon the Account of his not having a High way and it passed in the Negative
- 5 it was propounded whether the fifth article shall be Refused may meeting voted on the affirmative
- 6 it was propounded whether the Swine Shall Run at Large this present year voted on the affirmative and then the meeting was Dismissed

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Aiton February ye 19: 1760

Then we the Subscribers Laid out a Bridle way
to accommodate Ensign Haggood Beginning at the
Haggood house is a heap of stones then to a walnut tree
marked then to a heap of stones and then to a heap
of stones on a Rock then to a white oak and then
to a white oak all in Mr Nathaniel Wheelers Land
and then to the Corner of the Stone wall at Mr Brooks
way Said way is two Rods wide and the marks are
on the Southwesterly Side of Said way
and the Selectmen that Laid out Said way was

Jonathan Billing
Jonathan Haggood
Samuel Hayward

Aiton march ye 29: 1760

Then the Select men met and Appointed a Town
meeting to be at the meeting House on wednesday
the second day of April Next at four of the Clock
in the afternoon to Consider and Conclude on the
following article (viz) To See if the Town will
Chuse a Committee to meet the Committee that has
Lately been Granted by the Quarter Sessions at
Charlestown at their Last Sessions at the desire of
Mr Josiah Hayward and others Concerning a County
Road they want through Sum part of Aiton or pass
any other vote that may be thought proper upon
met and the same was committed to the Constables

April ye 2: 1760

At a Town meeting it Being Legally warned as
appears by the Returns of the Constables on their warrants
Deacon Heath was Chosen moderator for said and proceeded
as follows it was proposed whether the Town will
Chuse a Committee to meet the Honourable Com^{tee}
appointed by the Quarter Sessions Relating to a County
Road through some part of Aiton voted on the affirmative
and then the Town made Choice of Deacon John Brook
and Mr Jones Allen and Mr Nehemiah Wheel and Mr Nathaniel
White and Mr John Gagin Jun to be a Committee for that
purpose and then the meeting was dissolved

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May ye 22: 1760

To an order to Ensign Haggood for three Shillings
and Eight pence it Being for a days work in running the
Line between Aiton and Bedford for a mistake in
his Province Rate — 0-8-8

December ye 24: 1760

To an order to Cap^t Hayward for one pound Six Shilling
and Eight pence it Being for Mr Gibbons Service in
keeping School — 1-6-8

December ye 25: 1760

an order to Mr Mark White for one pound one Shilling
and one penny for his Service as a Committe man on
the New County Road — 1-1-1

at the same time an order to Mr Samuel Wright
for four Shillings it being for Mr Peter Heywoods carrying
William Crosby from his House to Bedford — 0-4-0

at the same time an order to Mr John Dagis Jun
for one pound fourteen Shillings and four pence it being for
his Service at the Great and General Court — 1-14-4

at the same time an order to Mr Amos Lamson for
one pound Six Shillings and Eight pence it being for
Subsisting Lydia Kappel and Child ten weeks — 1-6-8

at the same time an order to Mr Amos Paslin
for twelve Shillings for Subsisting Lydia Kappel and her
Child five weeks — 0-12-0

at the same time an order to Mr John Gagin Jun
for five Shillings and Eight pence it being for his Service
as a Committe man on the New Road — 0-5-8

at the same time an order to Mrs Dorcas Lamson
for seven Shillings and four pence it being for Cloth
for Lydia Kappel — 0-7-4

May ye 14: 1760 Then the Select. men appointed a Town meeting to be at the meeting House on thurs day the twenty second of this month. May at two of the Clock in the afternoon to Consider and Conclude on the following articles (viz)

- 1 To Se if the Town will Chuse a Representative
- 2 To Se How much money the Town will Raise to defray the necessary Charges that have or may arise this present year
- 3 To Se How much money the Town will Raise to support a Reading and a writing School this present year and Like wise Se. how many parts the Town shall be divided into or pass any other vote that may be thought proper when met relating to said School
- 4 To Se how much money the Town will Raise to procure the Red m^r Swifts fire wood this present year
- 5 To Se if the Town will Chuse a Committee to go to the Great and General Court on the second Friday of the Sitting of said Court to give Reasons why the said Great and General Court should not set off any part of said Cution or pass any other vote that may be thought proper when met relating to that affair
- 6 To Se what method the Town will take for the Supporting the french family Referd to this meeting
- 7 To Se what method the Town will take to Support Lydia Russel and her Child and pass any other vote relating to said Lydia and Child that may be thought proper when met and the Same was Committed to the Constables

May ye 22: 1760 ^{Quitting} at a General Town at the meeting House it being Legally warned as appeared by the returning of the Constables on their warrants on the first article it was Propounded whether the Town will Chuse a Representative voted on the Negative and then Deacon Brooks was Chosen Moderator for said meeting and provided as follows on the second article

2 it was propounded whether the Town will Raise Twelve pounds to defray the necessary Charges that have or may arise within the same this present year voted on the affirmative

3 it was propounded whether the Town will Raise Twelve pounds to Support a Reading and a writing School voted on the affirmative and then it was propounded whether the Town shall be divided in to six parts voted on the affirmative and then it was propounded whether that each part shall have its Equal part of said money voted on the affirmative

4 it was propounded whether the Town will Raise Two pounds fifteen Shillings and four pence for the procuring the Red m^r Swifts firewood for this present year voted on the affirmative

5 it was propounded whether the Town will Chuse a Committee to go to the Great and General Court on the second Friday of the Sitting of said Court to give Reasons why the said Great and General Court should not set off any part of said Cution voted on the affirmative and then it was propounded whether that Mr John Davis Jun. and Mr Francis Faulkner be a Committee for said Service voted on the affirmative

6 it was propounded whether the Town will Dismiss the Sixth article voted on the affirmative

7 it was propounded whether the Town will Raise five pounds to Support Lydia Russel and her Child voted on the affirmative and then the meeting was dismissed

December ye 25: 1760 to an order to Mr Nehemiah Whaler for sixteen Shillings its being for his Service as a Committee man on the new Road 16=0

January ye 2: 1761 to an order to Jonathan Hefner for Eighteen Shillings its being for his Service in keeping School in the South east part of the town 18=0

August yr 26: 1760

Then the Select men met and Appointed a Town meeting to be at the meeting House on on Thursday yr 28 of this Instant August at Nine of the Clock in the fore noon to Consider and Conclude on the following article (viz)

To See if the Town will accept of those persons whose Names the Select men have taken down to Serve on the petit Jury at the Inferiour Court as they may be Called for from time to time and the Same was Committed to the Constables

August yr 28: 1760

at a General Town meeting at the meeting House its Being Legally warned as appeared by the Returns of the Constables on their warrants and proceeded as follows Jonathan Holmes was Chosen moderator for Said meeting and then it was propounded whether the Town will accept of those mens Names the Select men have taken down to Serve on the petit Jury at the Inferiour Court as they may be Called for from time to time and it passed in the affirmative and then the meeting was dissolved

February yr 2: 1761

To an order to Mr Daniel Brooks for one Shilling and four pence it being for his Service in running the Line Between Littleton and Acton — 0-1-4

February yr 14: 1761

To an order to Mr Ezra Wheel for two pounds it being for his Service in keeping School in Deacon Brooks Squadron — 2-0-0

February yr 23: 1761

To an order to Mr Josiah Piper for fifteen Shillings and four pence it being for his Service in taking care of the meeting House the year past and repair the pound in full — 0-15-8

at the Same time an order to Mr Micah Hobbin for one pound Six Shillings and Eight pence it being for Mr Eveleth's Service in keeping School in Mr Josiah Pipers Squadron — 1-6-8

at the Same time an order to Mr Francis Faulkner for one pound thirteen Shillings and three pence for his Service at the General Court — 1-13-3 and likewise for the Sum of one pound thirteen Shillings and Eight pence for time and money Spent in the towns Service the year past — 1-13-8

at the Same time an order to Mr John Heald Jun. for one pound Eighteen Shillings and four pence it being for time and money Spent in the towns Service the year past — 1-18-4

at the Same time an order to Deacon Brooks for five Shillings and four pence for his Service as a Committe man on the New County ^{road} — 0-5-4

at the Same time an order to Mr Samuel Wright for fifteen Shillings it being for time and money Spent in carrying the widow Coffey and Son to Concord — 0-15-0

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February ye 23: 1761

To an order to Mr Francis Faulkner for two pounds it being for Mr John Kables Service in keeping School in the South part of the Town

2-0-0

February ye 26: 1761

To an order to Mr Jonas ^{Allen} for one pound one Shilling and four pence it being for his Service as a Comth man on the New Road and for boarding the School master

1-1-4

at the same time an order to Capt Samuel Hayward for two pounds for Mr Freliths Service in keeping School in the West part of the Town

2-0-0

March ye 2: 1761

To an order to Jonathan Hoffman for three pounds one Shilling and four pence ^{for} for time and money spent in the Towns Service the year past and for keeping School in the North West part of the Town

3-1-4

March ye 5: 1761

To an order to Lieut Billing for ten Shillings it being for his Service as Town Treasurer and for Interest money the Town owe him

5-10-0

April ye 2: 1761

To an order to Mr John Crain Jun. for two pounds it being for his Service in keeping School in the East part of the Town

2-0-0

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February ye 5: 1761

When the Select men met and appointed a ^{meeting} Town to be at the meeting House on the first Monday of March Next at one of the Clock in the after noon to Confer and Conclude on the following articles (viz.)

- 1 To Chuse Town officers for the year ensuing
- 2 To See if the Town will accept of a Short ~~cut~~ way to accommodate the Heirs of Capt of good Late of Aulon Decease Beginning at the Corner of said of goods farm at a heap of Stones and then straight to the Corner of Mr Josiah Pipers fence at the Red Mr Swifts Ridge said way is on the Southern Side of said heap of Stones and is two Rods wide and said way is partly in the Red Mr Swifts Land and partly on Mr Josiah Pipers Land
- 3 To See if the Town will abate the Ministers Rate of Mr Joseph Temple and Mr Samuel Obel for the year past by Reason of their Supporting the preaching of the Gospel other where
- 4 To See if the Town will agree to Let the wine Run at Large this present year and the same was Committed to the Constables

March ye 2: 1761

at a General Town meeting at the meeting House it being Legally warned as appeared by the Returns of the Constables on their warrants and proceeded as follows Capt Fletcher was Chosen Moderator at or for said meeting and Jonathan Hoffman was Chosen Town Clerk and first Select man and Mr Stephen Law was Constable for the South West part of the Town and Mr Sampson Wheel was Chosen Constable for the North East part of the Town and Mr John ^{Hall} was Chosen the second Select man and Mr Francis Faulkner was Chosen the third Select man and the Select men was Chosen Assessors

(and)

And Season Brooks was Chosen warden for the South west part of the town and Lieut. Billing was Chosen warden for the North east part of the town and Lieut. Billing was Chosen town Overseer and Capt. Hayward, Cap^t. Fletcher and Mr. John Davis Jun^r and Mr. Nehemiah Wheeler and Mr. Robert Chaffin and Mr. Samuel White and Mr. Ephraim Hunt was Chosen Surveyors of High ways and Mr. William Cutting and Mr. Joseph Robbins was Chosen Noting men and Mr. Jefferson Davies and Mr. James Paulkner was Chosen fence viewers and Mr. Israel Hebl and Mr. Ammi Paulkner was Chosen Hog reeve and Mr. Mark White was Chosen Dealer of weights and measures and Mr. Samuel Jones was Chosen Carrier of Shingles and Staves all which was sworn in to their Respective offices as the Law Directs

- 2 on the second article it was propounded whether the Town will accept of a Short way to aumies at the Heirs of Cap^t. Osgood Late of Acton Dumps as mentioned in the article voted in the affirmative
- 3 the third article was propounded and passed in the Negative
- 4 and then it was propounded whether the Swine shall Run at Large this present year and it passed in the affirmative and then the meeting was dismissed

May 18: 1761

~~General Town meeting~~

May 18: 1761

Then ye Select men met and appointed a Town meeting to be at the meeting House on Monday the Eighteenth Day of May Instant at two of the Clock in the afternoon to Enquire and Conclude on the following articles (etc.)

- 1 To See if the Town will Choose a Representative
- 2 To See How much money the Town will Raise to Defray the Necessary Charges that have or may arise this present year with in the Same
- 3 To See How much money the Town will Raise to Support a Reading and a writing School this present year and pass any other vote that may be thought proper when that Relating to Said School
- 4 To See How much money the Town will Raise to provide the Rep^r Mr. Swifts firewood this present year
- 5 To See if the Town will agree to work at the High ways by a Rate this present year and pass any other vote that may be thought proper when that Relating to that affair and the Same was Committed to the Constables

May 18: 1761

At a General Town meeting it being Legally warned as appeared by the Returns of the Constables on their warrants on the first article it was propounded whether the Town will Choose a Representative voted in the Negative and then Cap^t. Samuel Hayward was Chosen Moderator for Said meeting and proceeded as follows (viz)

- 2 it was propounded whether the Town will Raise Twenty five pounds to Defray the Necessary Charges that have or may arise within the Same this present year voted on the affirmative
- 3 it was propounded whether the Town will Raise Twelve pounds to Support a Reading and a writing School this present year voted in the affirmative and then it was propounded whether the Town shall be Divided into Six parts as usual voted on the affirmative and then it was propounded whether that Each part shall have Two pounds of Said money voted on the affirmative
- 5 article propounded and passed in the Negative and then the meeting was dismissed

November ye 5: 1761

To an order to Lieut Billing for Sixteen Shillings it being
for mending the meeting House windows — 0-16-0

January ye 3: 1762

To an order to Capt Samuel Raybould for one pound ^{Shillings} Eight
it being for Schooling the year past — 1-8-0

January ye 24: 1762

To an order to Mr Math White for Seventeen
Shillings and four pence it being for money he
paid for one year and an EA and two Seal for
the Town Standard — 0-17-4

February ye 24: 1762

To an order to Capt Davies for one pound it being for
his Service in keeping School one half of the time — 1-0-0

at the Same Time an order for Mr Joseph Temple
for one pound ^{being} it for his Service in keeping School in the
other ~~part~~ half of the North part of the Town — 1-0-0

at the Same Time an order to Mr Francis Faulkner
for two pounds it for the School in the South
part of the Town — 2-0-0

at the Same time an order to Mr Robert Chaffin
for mending the meeting House — 0-14-0

at the Same Time and order to Mr Francis
Faulkner for two pounds Seventeen Shillings and
nine pence it being for time and money spent
in the Towns Service the year past — 2-17-9

at the Same time and order for Mr John Neal Jun
for two pounds fourteen Shillings it being for
time and money spent in the Towns Service
the year past — 2-14-0

at the Same time an order to Ephraim Hunt for
ten Shillings & Eight Pence it being for Planks — 0-10-8

at the Same time an order to Lieut Billing for Six
pounds it being for money the Select men ~~had~~ borrowed
of him for the Charge of Binding Benjamin Stone to
Mr Micah Robbins — 6-0-0

March ye 1: 1762

To an order to Jonathan Hosmer for three pounds ten Shillings
it being for Time and money spent in the Towns Service
the year past — 3-10-0

at the Same time an order to Mr Josiah Pipel
for thirteen Shillings and four pence it for his taking
Care of the meeting House the year past — 0-13-4

at the Same time an order to Mr John Cragin Jun
for two pounds it being for his Service in keeping
School in Deacon Brooks's Squadron — 2-0-0

at the Same time an order to Mr Ezra Wheeler
for one Shilling it being for two Haves for tything
Men — 0-1-0

February ye 2: 1762

Then the Select men met and appointed a
town Meeting to be at the Meeting House on
the first Monday of March Next at Ten of the
Clock in the fore noon to Consider and conclude on
the following Articles (viz)

- 1 To Choose Town Officers for the year ensuing
- 2 To See if the town will Discontinue the High
way that Leads from the Southwest Part of the
Town so far as it goes through Mr John Cragin
Land as also to See if the Town will accept of a High
way from the Grate Stamp at the Corner of the
Jen. work farm through the Rev. Mr John Swift
farm to the Meeting House according to the Return
of Said way at the Meeting or Pass any other vote
that may be thought Proper when met Relating
to Said way

- 3 To see if the Town will Discontinue the High way against Mr Simon Tuttle's barn from a white oak stump in the wall about twenty rods to a heap of stones against the house as also to see if the Town will accept of a High way from said white oak stump to the aforesaid heap of stones as the two walls now stand
- 4 To see if the Town will Discontinue the High way from a small walnut tree in the corner of Mr Samuel White's wall to the corner of Mr Daniel Locks wall as also to accept of a High way laid out by the select men according to the Return of said way at the meeting
- 5 To see if the Town will accept of a High way laid out by the select men to accommodate Mr David Lamson to Meeting according to the Return of said way at the Meeting
- 6 To see if the Town will agree to work at the Highways by a Rate this Present year as also to see how much Money the Town will Raise for said High ways and Pass any other vote that may be thought proper when met relating to that affair
- 7 To see if the Town will agree to let the Lirine Run at Large this Present year and the same was committed to the Constables

March 4th 1763.

At a General Town Meeting at the Meeting House it being legally warned as it appeared by the Return of the Constables on three Warrants and proceeded as follows Deacon John Heald was Chosen Moderator for said Meeting and Francis Faulkner Chosen Town Clerk and first select man, and Mr Simon Hunt was Chosen Constable for the Southwest Part of the town and Mr Nehemiah Wheeler was Chosen Constable for the Northeast Part of the town and Mr John Head Jun was Chosen second select man, and Mr Ephraim Hofner was Chosen third select man and the select men was Chosen Assessors

Mr Joseph Wooly and Mr William Cutting was Chosen Wardens and Mr Titus Law Joseph Robbins John Emery John Powers Timothy Brooks Amos Faulkner and John Heywood was Chosen Surveyors and Mr David Brooks and Mr Amos Berlin was Chosen Tything men and Lieut Billing was Chosen town Treasuror Mr Samuel Wheeler and Mr Misch Davis was Chosen Pine Viewers Mr William Barker & Mr Samuel Davis was Chosen Hog Revers and Mr Samuel Jones Jun. was Chosen Butler of Steves and Shingles and Mr Mark White was Chosen Dealer of warts and Measles & Mr Ezekiel Davis and Mr Misch Robbins was Chosen Deersheeps all which was sworn into their respective offices

- 2 on the second article it was Propounded whether the town would Discontinue the High way that leads from the Southwest Part of the Town so far as it goes through Mr John Crofts Land and it Passed in the Negative and then it was Propounded whether the Town will accept of a High way from the great stump at the corner of the Iron work Farm through the Prec. Mr John Swifts Land to the Meeting House according to the Return of said way and it Passed in the Negative and then it was Propounded whether the Town will accept of a Part of the above said way from the Prec. Mr Swifts House to the meeting House voted on the affirmative and then it was Propounded whether the Town will give the Prec. Mr Swifts Liberty to have a gate across said way voted on the affirmative

- 3 it was Propounded whether ^{the town} will Discontinue the High way against Mr Simons Tuttle's barn from a white oak stump in the wall about twenty rods to a heap of stones against the house and accept of a High way from said white oak stump to the aforesaid heap of stones as the two walls now stand voted on the affirmative

- 4 it was Propounded whether the Town would Discontinue the High way from a small walnut tree in the corner of Mr Samuel White's wall to the corner of Mr Locks wall voted in the affirmative and then it was Propounded whether the Town will accept of a High way laid out by the select men according to the Return of said way voted on the affirmative

- 5 it was Propounded Whether the Town will except of a High way laid out by the select men to Accomodate m^r David Lamson to meeting and it Passed in the Negative
- 6 It was Propounded Whether the town will work at the High ways by a Rate this Present year Voted in the Affirmative and then it was Propounded Whether the Town will Raise 20 Pounds Lawfull money for to Repair the High ways this Present year Voted in the affirmative and then it was Propounded Whether the town will empower the Assessor to Assess the town for the Above sum by this Last years tax bill and Valuation Voted in the affirmative and then it was Propounded whether Every man shall have three Shillings p^r Day and one Shilling & four Pence per Day for oxen & four Pence for a last in the Months of May and June Voted in the affirmative and then it was Propounded whether Every man shall have two Shillings p^r Day and one Shilling per Day for oxen & four Pence for a last in the Months of September and October Voted in the affirmative and then it was Propounded Whether Every man should have Liberty to work out his High way Rate Voted in the affirmative
- 7 on the seventh Article it was Propounded whether the Swine shall Run at Large this Present year Voted in the affirmative and the Meeting was Dissolved

March y¹¹th 1762

to an Order to m^r David Brooks for two Pounds it being for the School in Capt. Haywards Corner of the Town 220-0
at the same time an order to m^r Sampson Wheeler for three Shilling 0-3-0

Acton February y²nd 1762

Then we the Subscribers Laid out a High way from the Rev^d m^r John Swifts House to a White oak Tree marked by m^r Swifts nail fence near the house then to a small White oak marked by m^r Swifts fence then to the End of the Stone wall by the Gate then running straight to the Corner of m^r Josiah Nippers fence where m^r Micah Robbins way comes in said way is three Rods wide and the Marks are on the Northwesterly Side of said way

Jonathan Goffm^r
John Heald Jun^r
Francis Faulkner } Select men

Acton February y²⁹th 1762

Then we the Subscribers Laid out a short bit of way beginning at a small walnut tree in the Corner of m^r Samuel Whites wall then as the wall runs stands till it comes to the Corner of m^r Daniel Locks wall said way is two Rods wide and is on the Northwesterly Side of said wall and said way is on land of m^r Mark & Rites

Jonathan Goffm^r
John Heald Jun^r } Select men

March y³¹st 1762

To an Order to m^r Josiah Hayward for two Pounds it being for Plank for Bridge 220-0

March y³¹st 1762

At a General Town Meeting at the Meeting it being legally Warned as appeared by the Pretence of the Constables on their warrants on the first article it was Propounded Whether the Town will Choose a Committee to go to the Grate and General Court on the second Wednesday of the sitting of said Court to give Reasons Why the said Court Grate and General Court should not sit of any Part of said Acton and it Passed in the Negative and then it was Propounded Whether the town will Choose a Committee to meet the Grate and General Court on the first thing should send one to view the Uncompliance of the Petitioners of said Acton and it was Voted on the Affirmative and then it was Propounded Whether that Capt Daniel Helcher m^r Jonathan Billings and m^r Josiah Hayward be a Committee for said Service Voted on the Affirmative

- 2 it was Propounded Whether the town will abate the Rates of m^r Cherry Lerney for the years Past by Reason of his being Rated in Littleton the same year and it Passed in the Negative and then it was Propounded Whether the town will Defend the Assessor in Recovering the said Cherry Lerney Rates Voted on the affirmative
- 3 it was Propounded whether the town will Chuse a Highway in the Town on John Emerys voted on the affirmative and m^r Jureal Heald was chosen Surveyor of High way and then the Meeting was Dissolved

March y^d 22. 1762

Then the select^{men} met and appointed a town meeting to be at the Meeting House on Wednesday the thirty first Day of March Instant at two of the Clock in the Afternoon to Consider and Conclude on the following Articles

- 1 To See if the Town will Chuse a Committee to go to the Grate and General Court on the second Wednesday of the next sitting of said Court to give Reasons why the said Grate and and General Court should not be off any Part of said action or Pass any other Vote that May be thought Proper when met Relating to that Affair
- 2 to See if the Town will abate the Rates of Mr Henry Lenny for the year past by Reason of his being Rated at Littleton the same year or Pass any other vote that May be thought Proper when met Relating to that Affair

- 3 To See if the Town will ^{appoint} Chuse a Surveyor of High ways in the Town of Mr John Emery and the same was committed to the Constables

April y^d 29th 1762

To an order to Mr John. Cragin for two Pounds it being for his service in keeping School. 2-0-0

Acton May y^d 18th 1762

Then the select men met and appointed a Town Meeting to be at the Meeting House on Tuesday the eighteenth Day of this Instant May at two of the Clock in the afternoon to Consider and Conclude on the following Articles.

- 1 To See if the Town will Chuse a Representative
- 2 To See How Much money the Town will Raise to Defray the Necessary Charges that have or may arise this Present year within the same

- 3 To See How Much Money the Town will Raise to Support a Reading and a Writing School this Present year and Pass any other vote that May be thought Proper when met Relating to said School

- 4 To See How much Money the Town will Raise to Procure the Rev^d Mr Swifts firewood this Present year and the same was committed to the Constables

May y^d 18th 1762

At a General Town Meeting at the Meeting House it being Legally Warned as appeared by the Returns of the Constables on their Warrants on the first Article it was Propounded Whether the Town will Chuse a Representative Voted in the Negative and then Deacon John Brooks was Chosen Moderator for said Meeting and Proceeded as follows viz

- 2 It was Propounded whether the town will Raise fourteen Pounds to Defray the Necessary Charges that have or may arise within the same this Present year Voted on the Affirmative
- 3 it was Propounded Whether the town will Raise Twelve Pounds to Support a Reading and a Writing School this Present year Voted on the Affirmative and then it was Propounded Whether the town shall be Divided into Six Parts as and Voted on the affirmative and then it was Propounded Whether each Part shall have ten Pounds of said money Voted on the affirmative
- 4 it was Propounded Whether the town will Raise two Pound thirteen Shillings and four pence to Procure the Rev^d Mr Swifts firewood this Present year Voted on the Affirmative and then the Meeting was Dissolved

February 7 1763

To an order to Deacon. Hooper for seven Shillings
and eight Pence it being for his service in Perambulating
& for a Pair of shoes for Lydia Rapel. — 0-7-8

at the same time an order to m^r John Davis for two
Shillings it being for his service in Perambulating — 0-2-0

at the same time an order to m^r Sampson Wheeler
for one Shilling and four Pence it being for his service
in Perambulating — 0-1-4

at the same time an order to m^r Jeremiah Wheeler
for one Shilling and four Pence it being for his service
in Perambulating — 0-1-4

At the same time an order to m^r John Emory for one
Shilling & four Pence it being for his service in Perambulating — 0-1-4

At the same time an order to Capt. Hayward for two
Shillings and eight Pence it being for his service in
Perambulating — 0-2-8

At the same time an order to Capt Daniel Fletcher for
one Shilling it being for his service in Perambulating — 0-1-0

At the same time an order to m^r Josiah Hayward for one
Shilling it being for his service in Perambulating — 0-1-0

At the same time an order to m^r Ephraim Hooper for
one Pound six Shillings & four Pence it being for time
and money spent in the town service — 1-6-4

at the same time an order to m^r John Head for one
Pound seven Shillings and eight Pence it being for time
and money expended in the town service — 1-7-8

at the same time an order to m^r Nathan Perlin for
two Pounds it being for his service in Helping School — 2-0-0

February 14th 1763

To an order to m^r Simon Hunt Constable for thirty
six Pounds fourteen Shillings and ten Pence it being Part
of the Highway Rate — £36-14-10

February 14th 1763

To an order to m^r Jeremiah Wheeler for twenty eight
Pounds one Penny it being Part of the Highway Rate
£28-0-1

at the same time an order to m^r Simon Hunt for
two Pounds it being for the School in the Southwicks Part
of the town — 2-0-0

at the same time an order to Lieut Billings for two
Pounds it being for the School in his Garden
£2-0-0

February 17 1763

To an order to Lieut Billings for eight Shillings it
being for his service as Town Treasurer — 0-8-0

March 17th 1763

To an order to Francis Tautner for two Pounds two Shilling
and ten Pence it being for time and money spent in the
Town service — £2-2-10

at the same time an order to William Parker for thirteen
Shillings and four Pence it being for his taking care of the
Meeting House — 0-13-4

at the same time an order to Capt Samuel Hayward for
Two Pounds it being the School money belonging to his
Part of the Town — 2-0-0

July 22nd 1763

To an order to Joseph Robbins for sixteen Shilling
it being for Planch for the ferry bridge — 0-16-0

Sept 3rd 1763

To an order to Jeremiah Wheeler for thirteen Shilling
and ten Pence it being the abatement of Little Brooks that

February 7th 1763

Then the select men met and appointed a Town Meeting to be at the Meeting House on the first Monday of March Next at one of the Clock in the afternoon to consider and conclude on the following Articles (viz)

- 1 To Chuse Town officers for the year ensuing
- 2 To see if the Town will agree to work at the High ways by a Rate this Present year as also to see how much Money the Town will Raise for said High ways and Pass any other vote that May be thought proper when met Relating to that affair
- 3 To see if the Town will Agree to Build a new Pound this Present year or Pass any other vote that May be thought proper when met Relating to that affair
- 4 To see if the Town will Free m^r Samuel Wheeler from working at the High ways this Present year upon the account of his not Having a High way or Pass any other vote that may be thought proper when met Relating to that affair
- 5 To see if the Town will free m^r Samuel Wright from working at the High ways this Present year upon the account of his not Having a High way
- 6 To see if the Town will agree to Give Lieut Jonathan Billing Liberty to Build a Horse Stable upon the Towns Land near the Meeting House
- 7 To see if the Town will agree To Let the Swine Run at Large this Present year and the same was committed to the Constables

March 7th 1763

at a General Town Meeting at the Meeting House it being Legally Warned as Appeared by the Returns of the Constables on these Warrants and Proceeded as follows Capt Daniel Fletcher was Chosen Moderator for said Meeting and Francis Faulkner was Chosen Town Clerk and first select men and Capt John Hayward and Capt Saml Davies was Chosen Wardens and m^r Joseph Harnes Chosen Constable for the southwest Part of the Town and m^r John Heywood was Chosen Constable for the North East Part of the Town and m^r John Hild was Chosen second select man and m^r Ephraim Holmer was Chosen third select man and the select men was Chosen Assessors and m^r Robert Chiffin and Samuel Wright was Chosen Rising men Lieut Billing was Chosen Town Treasurer m^r Robert Chiffin was Chosen Surveyor of the Land and m^r Mark White and m^r Simon Hunt was Chosen Cullers of Haves and Hoopes and m^r Mark White

was Chosen Dealer of Haves and Hoopes and Lieut John Adams Deacon Brooks Sampson Wheeler Lieut Jonathan Billing Josiah Piper David Brooks and m^r Samuel Edwards was Chosen Surveyors of High ways and Collectors of the High way Rate and Ammi Fairbairn and Joseph Babcock was Chosen Fence Viewers and Simon Tuttle and Jereel Head was Chosen Bear Keepers and Amos Lamson and David Fortbush was Chosen Hog Keepers and sworn

- 2 on the second Article it was Propounded whether the Town will work at the High ways by a Rate this Present year Voted on the affirmative and then it was Propounded whether the Town will Raise sixty Pounds to Repair the High ways this Present year Voted on the affirmative and then it was Propounded whether the Town will improve the Assessors to Assess the Town for the above sum by the last years Valuation Voted on the affirmative and then it was Propounded whether the Town will Give every man three Shillings per Day and one Shilling and eight Pence per Day for one Pair of oxen a lot from this time untill the first Day of September ^{or as soon as} it was Propounded whether the Town will Give two Shilling per Day for a man and one Shilling and three Pence for one Pair of oxen and a cart through the year Voted on the affirmative and then it was Propounded whether every man should have Liberty to work out his High way Rate Voted on the affirmative
- 3 it was Propounded whether the Town will Build a Pound this Present year Voted on the affirmative and then it was Propounded whether Lieut Jonathan Billing Josiah Piper John Cragin Junr Joseph Robbins and Joseph Berke be a Committee to Build said Pound Voted on the affirmative
- 4 it was Propounded whether the Town will free m^r Samuel Wheeler from working at the High ways during his Natural life Voted on the affirmative
- 5 it was Propounded whether the Town will free m^r Samuel Wright from working at the High ways this Present year and its Passed in the Negative
- 6 it was Propounded whether the Town will Give Lieut Jonathan Billing Liberty to Build a Horse Stable on the Towns Land near the Meeting House Voted on the affirmative
- 7 it was Propounded whether the Town will agree to let the Swine Run at Large this Present year Voted on the affirmative and the Meeting was Dismissed

May y^e 2 1763

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Then the select men Met and appointed a Town Meeting to be at the Meeting House on Tuesday the seventeenth Day of this month May at two of the Clock in the afternoon to consider and conclude on the following Articles viz.

- 1 To see if the Town Chuse a Representative
- 2 To see How Much Money the Town will Raise to Defray the necessary Charges that have or may arise this present year within the same
- 3 To see How much Money the Town will Raise to Support a Reading and a Writing School this present year and Pass any other vote that may be thought Proper when Met Relating to said School
- 4 To see How Much Money the Town will Raise to procure the Rev. Mr Swifts fire wood this present year
- 5 To see if the Town will Give those men that were in his Majesty's Service the last summer Liberty to work out there High way Rate which they were liable to the last year and Pass any other vote that may be thought Proper when Met
- 6 To see How or in what Manner the Town will Dispose of the New Ground Next to the womens Hairs in the Meeting House
- 7 To see if the Town will Agree to abate fifteen Shillings and nine Pence of Mr John Cragins Rates that he was Assessed the year past for his son Francis Cragins Poll by Reason of said Francis Cragins being in his Majesty's Service the last summer or Pass any other vote that may be thought Proper when Met Relating to that affair and the same was committed to the Comptrolers

May y^e 17th 1763

At a General Town Meeting at the Meeting House it being legally Handed as appeared by the Returns of the Comptrolers on their Accounts and Proposed as follows Deacon John Brooks was chosen Moderator for said Meeting and on the first Article it was Propounded Whether the Town will Chuse a Representative and it Passed in the Negative

- 2 it was Propounded Whether the Town will Raise Twenty Pounds to Defray the necessary Charges that have or may arise this present year within the same Vote on the Affirmative
- 3 it was Propounded Whether the Town will Raise Twelve Pounds for to Support a Reading and a Writing School this present year Votes on the Affirmative and then it was Propounded Whether the Town shall be divided into six Parts as was voted on the Affirmative and then it was Propounded Whether the Town shall have two Pounds of money voted on the Affirmative

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- 4 it was Propounded Whether the Town will Give ^{two} Pounds thirteen Shillings and four Pence to Procure the Rev. Mr Swifts fire wood this present year Votes on the Affirmative
- 5 it was Propounded Whether the Town will Give those men that were in his Majesty's Service the last year Liberty to work out there last year High way Rate under the present leaveyours Votes on the Affirmative
- 6 it was Propounded Whether the Town will Sell the New Ground Next to the Womens Hairs in the Meeting House to the Highest Bidder and it Passed in the Negative
- 7 on the Seventh Article it was Propounded Whether the Town will Abate fifteen Shillings and nine Pence of Mr John Cragins Rates which he was Assessed the year past for his son Francis Cragins Poll by Reason of the said Francis Cragins being in his Majesty's Service the last summer and it Passed in the Negative and then the Meeting was Dissolved

January y^e 22 1764

To an order to List Polling for two Pounds nine Shillings and ten Pence half Penny it Being for his Service in Building a Pound 2:9:10 1/2

at the Same time an order to Mr Joseph Robbins for two Pounds eleven Shillings and ten Pence half Penny it Being for his work at the Pound 2:11:10 1/2

at the Same time an order to Mr Josiah Pinner for two Pounds six Shillings and six Pence it Being for his work at the Pound 2:6:6

at the Same time an order to Mr John Cragin for two Pounds eight Shillings and eight Pence it Being for his work at the Pound 2:8:8

at the Same time an order to Mr John Hall for one Pound seven Shillings and nine Pence it Being for money which he Paid for Supporting a french Child at home 1:7:9

at the Same time an order to Mr John Cragins for one Pound it Being for his Service in Keeping School in Deacons Brooks Square 1:0:0

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January 29th 1764

To an order to m^r Josiah Piper for two Pounds it Being the Part of School money which Belongs to the North Part of the Town for the year 1763 2-0-0

at the Same time an order to m^r Josiah Piper for two Pounds it Being for the School in the North Part of the Town 2-0-0

February 8th 1764

To an order to m^r John Hild for one Pound one Shilling it Being for time and Money spent in the Town 1-1-0

at the Same time an order to m^r Ephraim Kefner for one Pound three Shillings it Being for time and money spent in the Town 1-3-0

at the Same time an order to Lieut Billing for Eight Shillings it Being for his service as Town Treasurer 0-8-0

at the Same time an order to Capt Sam^l Heyward for two Pounds it Being for the School in the west part of the Town 2-0-0

at the Same time an order to Lieut Billing for two Pounds it Being for the School in the East Part of the Town 2-0-0

at the Same time an order to m^r Sam^l Jones for two Pounds it Being for m^r Evelette Keeping School in the South Part of the town 2-0-0

March 5th 1764

To an order to William Barker for thirteen Shillings and four pence it Being for his taking care of the Meeting House 0-13-4

at the Same time an order to Deacon Brooks for one Pound six Shillings eight pence it Being for the School in his Square 1-6-8

at the Same time an order to Nathaniel Whetter for one Pound sixteen Shillings it Being for his supplying a Well that is Maintained by the Town 1-16-0

To an order to m^r Joseph Heyward for one Pound thirteen Shillings and four pence it Being for the School in the Southwest Part of the Town 1-13-4

To an order to Capt Davis for two Pounds it Being for the School in the Northwest Part of the Town 2-0-0

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February 28th 1764

Then the Select mennd appointed a Town Meeting to be at the Meeting House on the first Monday of March at one of the Clock in the afternoon to Consider and Conclude on the following articles

- 1 To Choose Town officers for the year ensuing
- 2 To See if the Town will accept of a High way Laid out by the Select men to accommodate m^r Amos Russell to Meeting according to the Return of Said way
- 3 To See if the Town will Agree to work at the High ways by a Rate this Present year as also to see how much Money the Town will Raise for said High ways and Pass any other vote that may be thought Proper herein Relating to that affair
- 4 To See if the Town will Agree to Libery to Samuel Jones and others to Bind two Pairs in the Meeting House one over the mens Steers and the other over the womens Hairs according to their Petition
- 5 To See if the Town will agree to Choose a Committee to lead the Meeting House this Present year to assign to all the Inhabitants there Respectable Accepting those Persons that Have Pairs and to Give to said Committee such orders as they Shall think fit and Pass any other vote that they May think Proper therein
- 6 To See if the Town will Discontinue a Short Part of way that Leads from the widows Sarah Smiths into the way that Leads from Deacons Brooks to the Meeting House and to See if the Town will accept of a way Laid out by the Select men for the said Sarah Smiths to the Meeting as Shall be Made to appear by the Return of said way at the Meeting
- 7 To See if the Town will Agree to let the Swine Run at Large this Present year and the same was committed to the Constables

March 5th 1764

At a General Town Meeting at the Meeting House it Being Legally warned as appeared by the Returns of the Constables on the three warrants and Proceeded as follows Capt Samuel Fletcher was Chosen Moderator for said Meeting and Francis Faulkner was Chosen Town Clerk and Joseph Select man and Francis Faulkner was Chosen Constable for the Southwest Part of the Town and David Dead was Chosen Constable for the Northwest Part of the Town Deacon Kefner was Chosen warden and Robert Cheffin was Chosen warden m^r John Hild was Chosen second Select man and m^r Ephraim Kefner was Chosen the third Select man and m^r Josiah Piper and Ed^d Ephraim Kefner was Chosen sitting men Lieut Billing was Chosen Town Treasurer m^r Mark while Lieut Vincent Hershish & Reiter Geo^{tham} Davies Charles Brown

Francis Chaffin and Lieut Nathan Wheeler was Chosen Surveyors of High ways and collectors of the High way Rate Capt Satchers was Chosen Surveyor of Street. McRathaniel Edwards and m^r Robert Chaffin was Chosen Surveyors of Clobbers and Shingles and m^r Samuel White and m^r Sam^l Jones jun was Chosen Cullors of Staves and Hogs and m^r Mark White was Chosen Sealer of warts and Measuring Saml Wright and James Faulkner was Chosen. fence Viewers m^r John Hull and m^r Eph^m Komer was Chosen Informers of Deers m^r Jonathan Komer jun and m^r Thomas Komer was Chosen Hog Reeves and the select men was Chosen Officers all which was sworn into their respective offices as the Law Direct

- 2 on the second article it was Propound Whether the Town will accept of a way Laid out by the Select men to accomodate m^r Bonds Russell to Meeting according to the Return of said way and it Passed in the affirmative
- 3 on the third article it was Propounded Whether the Town will work at ^{the} High ways by a Rate this Present year and it was voted on the affirmative and then it was Propounded Whether the Town will Raise sixty Pounds to Repair the High ways this Present year voted on the affirmative and then it was Propounded Whether the Town will Impower the Overseer to lay off the Town for the above sum by the Last year Reduction voted on the affirmative and then it was Propounded Whether the Town will give every man three shilling p^r Day and one shilling and eight Pence for a Pair of oxen and cart from this time untill the first Day of September and two shilling p^r Day to a man and one shilling and four Pence p^r Day for a Pair of oxen and a cart the Remainder of the year voted on the affirmative and then it was Propounded Whether every man shall have Liberty to work out his High way Rate within the year voted on the affirmative
- 4 on the fourth article it was Propounded Whether the Town will Grant Liberty to Samuel Jones jun and others to Build two Pens in the Meeting one over the Mens Stairs and the other over the womens Stairs according to their Petition and take said Pens for their seats untill they Dispose of them to others and it Passed in the affirmative
- 5 it was Propounded Whether the Town Choose a Committee to seat the Meeting House this Present year and it Passed in the affirmative and then it was Propounded Whether Lieut Sailing Capt Hayward Capt Davies Josiah Hayward with the select men shall be a Committee for that service and it Passed in the affirmative and then it was Propounded Whether the Meeting House shall be seated according Age and Pay Looking three years back in the valuations upon Deal and Perfumers that and it Passed in the affirmative
- 6 it was Propounded Whether the Town will Discontinue a Short Bet of way that leads from the end of Sarah Smiths into the way that Leads from Brown Brooks to the Meeting House and it Passed in the affirmative and then it was Propounded Whether the Town will accept of a way Laid out by the select men to accomodate the said Sarah Smith to meeting according to the Return of said way and it was voted on the affirmative

- 7 it was Propounded Whether the Town will Agree to let the Lanes Run at Large this Present year and it Passed in the affirmative

December y^e 22^d 1763

Then wee the Subscribers Laid out a High way to accomodate m^r Amos Russell to Meeting Beginning at said Russell's Land at a Black oak tree Marked then to a Pitch Pine tree from thence to a Pitch Pine then to a Pitch Pine from thence to a white oak tree Marked then to a White oak tree from thence to a Pitch Pine tree then to a Pitch Pine from thence to a Pitch Pine tree from thence to a Pitch Pine tree Marked at the Road that Leads from Capt Davies to the Meeting House said way is a two Rod way and the Marks are on the westerly Side of way

John Headman } Select men
Francis Faulkner }

February y^e 18th 1764

Then wee the subscribers Laid out a way for m^r Sarah Smith to meeting Beginning at a White oak stump at the corner of said m^r Smiths wall and then running to a stump and heap of stones then to a Pitch Pine tree Marked by the Road that Leads from m^r Daniel Shepards to the Meeting House said way is a two Rod way and the Marks are on the Northerly Side of said way

Ephraim Komer } Select men
Francis Faulkner }

Acton June y^e 30th 1763

Then wee the Subscribers have Made a Division of fence Between m^r John Davis and m^r Daniel Brooks and Bound by a heap of Stones in the Middle of said fence the westerly Part Belongeth to m^r Daniel Brooks and the easterly Part Belongeth to m^r John Davis

Amos Faulkner } fence viewers
Joseph Brookbrook }

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May 17th 1764

Then the Select men and appointed a Town Meeting to be at the Meeting ^{House} Monday the 21st Day of May Instant at one of the Clock in the afternoon to Consider and conclude on the following Articles (viz)

- 1 To See if the Town will agree to Chuse a Representative
- 2 To See How much Money the Town will Raise to Defray the Necessary Charges that have or May arise this Present year within the same
- 3 To See How much Money the Town will Raise to Support a Reading and a writing School this Present year and Pass any other vote that May be thought Proper when Met Relating to Said School
- 4 To See How much Money the Town will Raise to Procure the New m^{ts} for wood this Present year
- 5 To See if the Town will accept of the men who have taken Down to serve on the Petit Jury at the Inferior Court as they May be called for from time to time
- 6 To See if the Town will abate the High way Rate of John Law for this Present year by Reason of his not having a way to Meeting and Pass any other vote that May be thought Proper when Met Relating to that Affair
- 7 To See what Method the Town will Comitate to Support a Child named David Sanderford and Pass any vote Relating to said Child that May be thought Proper when Met
- 8 To See if the Town will accept of the Report of the Committee that was Chosen to Seat the Meeting House this Present year or Pass any other that May be thought Proper when met Relating to that affair and the same was committed to the Constables

May 21st 1764

At a General Town Meeting at the Meeting House it Being Legally warned as Appeared by the Returns of the Constables on their Warrants on the 17th Article it was Propounded whether the Town will Chuse a Representative and it was voted on the Negative and then Capt Daniel Fletcher was Chosen Moderator

- 2 it was Propounded Whether the Town will Raise Seventeen Pounds to Defray Necessary Charges that have or May arise this Present year within the same and it was voted on the affirmative

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- 3 It was Propounded whether the Town will Raise Eighteen Pounds to Support a Reading and a writing School this Present year and it was voted on the affirmative and then it was Propounded whether this shall be Divided into Six Parts as usual and each Part to have three Pounds and it Passed in the Affirmative

- 4 it was Propounded whether the Town will Raise two Pounds Twelve Shillings and four Pence to Procure the New m^{ts} for fire wood sold on the affirmative

- 5 it was Propounded whether the Town will accept of those men whom the Select have taken Down to serve on the Petit Jury at the Inferior Court and it was voted on the affirmative

- 6 it was Propounded Whether the Town will abate the High way Rate of John Law this Present year and it Passed in the Negative

- 7 it was Propounded whether the Town will empower the Select men to Give a Sum of Money ^{not to exceed five pounds} to any Person that will be bound to Support David Sanderford untill he shall arrive to the age of twenty one years and it was voted on the affirmative

- 8 it was Propounded Whether the Town will accept of the Report of the Committee that was Chosen to Seat the Meeting House this Present year and it was voted on the affirmative and then the Meeting was Dissolved

October 11th 1764

Then the Select men and appointed a town Meeting to be at the Meeting House on Sunday the Eighteenth Day of October Instant at three of the Clock in the afternoon to Consider and conclude on the following Article (viz)

To See if the Town will agree to Chuse a Committee to Go to the Grate and General of this Province on the Second Wednesday of the Setting of said Court to Give Reason why the said Grate and General Court should not End and Incorporate any Part of the County of Middlesex into a separate County or Pass any other vote that May be thought Proper when Met Relating to that Affair and the same was Committed to the Constables

October 15th 1764 186

At a General Town Meeting at the Meeting House it being legally warned as appeared by the Returns of the Constables on their warrants and Wards as follows on the Article it was Propounded Whether the Town will chuse a Committee to go to the Great and General Court to give Reasons why ~~that~~ Part of the County of Middlesex should not be incorporated into a separate County and it being in the Negative and then it was Propounded Whether the Selectmen should set forth their Reasons by a Petition to said Court. Voted on the Affirmative and then the Meeting was Defrised

February 4th 1765

To an order to Deacon Kormer for two Pounds it being for his Service in Keeping School in the Northeft Part of the Town £ 2-0-0

at the Same Time an order to John. Heald for one Pound it being for time and money spent in the Town Service £ 1-0-0

at the Same time an order to Simon Hunt for three Pounds it being for his Service in Keeping School in the Southwest Part of the town £ 3-0-0

At the Same time an order to Jonas Parker for one Pound it being for his Boarding a Schoolmift £ 1-0-0

at the Same time an order to Lieut Billing for Eight Shillings it being for his Service as Town Treasurer £ 0-8-0

at the Same time an order to John. Heywood for one Shilling & five Pence 0-1-5

February 4th 1765

To an order to Nath^l Faulkner for two Seven Shillings & two Pence it being for his Repairing the Seats in the Meeting House 0-7-2

at the Same time an order to Francis Faulkner for four Pounds it being for Money lent to the Town by Nath^l Faulkner 4-0-0

February 4th 1765 187

To an order to William. Barker for fourteen Shillings it being for his taking care of the Meeting House 0-14-0
at the Same time an order to Ephraim. Kormer for

March 4th to an order to John. Cragin for one Pound ten Shillings it being for his Service in Keeping School 1-10-0

February 4th 1765

Then the Selectmen met and Appointed a Town Meeting to be at the Meeting House on the first Monday of March Next at one of the Clock in the afternoon to consider and conclude on the following Articles (viz)

- 1 To chuse Town officers for the year Expiring
- 2 To see if the Town will accept of a High way Laid out by the Selectmen to Accomodate m Samuel Wright to Meetinghouse - ing to the Return of said way at the Meeting
- 3 To see if the Town will agree to work at the High ways by a Rate this Present year as also to see how much Money the Town will raise for said High ways and Pass any other vote that may be thought proper when met relating to that Affair
- 4 To see if the Town will Agree to chuse a Committee to settle the Corner between Row and Acton at Littleton Line
- 5 To see if the Town will Agree to let the Swine Run at Large this Present year and the Same was committed to the Constables

March 4th 1765

At a General Town Meeting at the Meeting House it being Legally warned as appeared by the Returns of the Constables on their warrants and Provided as follows Capt. Daniel Fletcher was Chosen Moderator for said Meeting Francis Faulkner was Chosen Town Clerk and Selectman Samuel Fletcher Jun and Amos Parker was Chosen Constables John. Heald Jun was Chosen Surmiftlet man Ephraim Kormer was Chosen Mithchelt man Samuel Jones and John Davis was Chosen warden Lieut John Adams and Gatham Davies was Chosen Fighting men Josiah Piper was Chosen Surveyor of whet Josiah Piper Ephraim Koppoo Ephraim Kormer Oliver Reeler Joseph. Hooky Sam. Whites and Saml. Wright was Chosen Surveyor of Highways and Collectors of the Highway Rate the Select men was Chosen

Lieut Jonathan Billing was Chosen Town Treasurer, Mark White was Chosen Sealer of Weights and Measures, Robert Chaffin was Chosen Surveyor of Clebords and Shingles, Mark White was Chosen Miller of Meep, and Slaves William Barker and Thomas Hope was Chosen Town Informers of Town Expenses and Sampson Wheeler was Chosen Fence Viewer, Progen Wheeler and David Keys was Chosen High Viewers all which was sworn into their respective offices as the Law Directs

2 on the second Article it was Propounded Whether the Town will accept of a High-way Laid out by the Select men to accomodate Saml Wright to Meeting according to the Return of said way voted on the Affirmative

3 it was Propounded whether the Town will agree to work at the High-ways by a Rate this Present year and it was Voted on the affirmative and then it was Propounded whether the Town will pay fifty Pounds to Repair the High-ways this Present year Voted on the affirmative and then it was Propounded whether the Town will empower the Overseers to appt the Town by the last year Valuation and it was Voted on the affirmative and then it was Propounded whether Every Person shall have Liberty to work out the High-way Rate at three Shillings p Day for a man and one Shilling and four Pence p Day for a cart and Oxen from this time untill the first Day of September Next and two Shillings a Day for a man and one Shilling and four Pence for Oxen and Cart the Remainder of the year and it was Voted on the Affirmative

4 The fourth Article was Propounded and Dismissed

5 it was Propounded Whether the Town will agree to let the Town Run at Large this Present year voted on the Affirmative and the Meeting was Dissolved

April February 4th 1765

Then were the Subscribers Laid out a High. to accomodate m^{rs} Saml Wright to Meeting Beginning at a Pitch Pine Tree Marked at said Wrights Laid from thence to a white oak tree mark then to a Pitch Pine then to a Pitch Pine from thence to a white oak then to a Pitch Pine Mark near the Highway that Leads from m^r Daniels Shepards to the Meeting House said way is a two Rod way and the Marks are on the Northern Side of said way

John and Samuel Select men
Francis Paulk

March 4th 20th 1765

Then the Select men Met and appointed a Town Meeting to be at the Meeting House on Thursday the 4th Day of April Next at Three of the Clock in the afternoon to confer and conclude on the following article viz

To See if the Town will agree to Chuse a Committee to Meet a Committee that has lately been Appointed by the Quarter Sessions at their last sitting in Charlestown at the Desire of m^{rs} and Dudley of Littleton and others concerning a County Road they want through some Parts of Acton as also to give the Committee such Instructions as the Town shall think Proper When Met and Pass any other vote that they see thought Proper Thereunto and the Same was committed to the Constables

April 4th 1765

at a General Town Meeting at the Meeting House it being Legally warned as appeared by the Returns of the Constables on their warrants and Proceeds as follows Capt Daniel Fletcher was Chosen Moderator and on the Article it was Propounded whether the Town will Chuse a Committee to Meet the Hon^{ble} Committee that has lately been Appointed by the Quarter Sessions concerning a County Road through some Part of Acton Voted on the affirmative and then the Town Made Chuse of Cap Daniel Fletcher Mark White John Cragin Jun Deacon John Brooks and Francis Paulk to be a Committee for that Purpose and then it was Voted that said Committee shall oppose their being a County Road laid through any Part of Acton according to their best Judgment to a final Issue and then the Meeting was Dissolved

Acton May 13th 1765

Then the Select men Met and appointed a Town meeting to be at the Meeting House on Friday the Twenty first Day of this Instant May at Two of the Clock in the afternoon to confer and conclude on the following articles (viz)

- 1 To See if the Town will agree to Chuse a Representative
- 2 To See How much money the Town will Raise to defray the Necessary Charges that have or may arise this Present year within the Town
- 3 To See How much money the Town will Raise to support a Freeing and a writing School this Present year and Pass any other vote that may be thought Proper When met Relating to said School
- 4 To See How much money the Town will Raise to Purchase the m^{rs} Saffs fire wood and the Same was committed to the Constables

April May 21st 1765

At a general Town Meeting at the Meeting House it being Legally warned as appeared by the returns of the Constables on three warrants as ordered as follows Deacon John Brooks was Chosen Moderator for said Meeting on the fifth article it was Propounded whether the Town will Charge a Representative voted in an Affirmative

- 2 It was Propounded whether the Town will Raise Twenty six Pounds to Defray the necessary Charges that House or May arise this present year within the same voted on the Affirmative
- 3 It was Propounded whether the Town will Raise Eighteen Pounds to support a Reading and a Writing School this present year voted on the Affirmative and then it was Propounded whether the school shall be divided into six Parts each Part to have their Equel Proportion of said money voted on the Affirmative and then the Meeting was adjourned
- 4 It was Propounded whether the Town will Raise Two Pounds thirteen Shillings and four Pence to procure the Aid of Mr. Sargeant for word voted on the Affirmative and then the Meeting was Dissolved

February 6th 1766

To an order to m^r Mark White for three Pounds Two Shilling and six Pence it being for time and money spent in the Town Service in opposing the County Road Lottery Petitioned for 3-2-6

at the same Time an order to m^r John Crayn for one Pound six Shillings and eight Pence it being for time and money spent in the Town Service in opposing the County Road Lottery Petitioned for 1-6-8

at the same Time an order to Capt Sam^l Hayward for two Shillings and eight Pence it being for his service in Perambulating the Line between New and Antona 2-8

at the same Time an order to Francis Faulkner for two Pound five Shillings and three Pence it being for time and money spent in opposing the County Road Lottery Petitioned for and partly the Abolishment of Armos Bonants Rates 2-5-13

at the same Time an order to m^r John Emery for one Shilling and four Pence it being for his Service in Perambulating Line 0-1-4

February 6th 1766

To an order to Capt Samuel Hayward for three Pounds it being for the School in the west Part of the Town 3-0-0
at the same Time an order to John Parker for six Shillings and eight Pence it being the Abolishment of hushets 0-6-8

at the same Time an order to m^r Ephraim Hosmer for one Pound three Shillings and eight Pence it being for time and money spent in the Town Service 1-3-8

at the same Time an order to m^r John Heald for one Pound nine Shillings it being for time and money spent in the Town Service 1-9-0

at the same Time an order to m^r Simon Hunt for three Pounds it being for his Service in Keeping School 3-0-0

at the same Time an order to Capt Samuel Davis for thirteen Shillings and four Pence it being for Boarding the School Master 13-4

at the same Time an order to Deacon Hosmer for two Pounds two Shillings it being for his Service in Keeping School 2-2-0

at the same Time an order to Capt Daniel Fletcher for one Pound nineteen Shillings it being for time and money spent in opposing the County Road Lottery Petitioned for 1-19-0

at the same Time an order to Deacon John Brooks for one Pound five Pence it being for time and money spent in opposing the County Road Lottery Petitioned for 1-0-5

at the same Time an order to Lieut Billing for three Pounds it being for the School in the East Part of the town 3-0-0

at the same Time an order to Lieut Billing for ten Shillings it being for his Service as Town Treasurer and Perambulating Line 10-0-0

at the same Time an order to m^r John Davis for one Shilling and four Pence it being for his Service in Perambulating

To an order to Francis Faulkner for two Pounds it being for his Service in opposing the County Road 2-7-0

February 4th 1766

Then the select men met and appointed a Town Meeting to be at the Meeting House on the first Monday of March at one of the clock in the afternoon to consider and conclude on the following Articles (viz)

- 1 To chuse Town Officers for the year ensuing
- 2 To see how the Town will agree to work at the High ways by a Rate this present year as also to see how much Money the Town will raise for said High ways and pass any other vote that may be thought proper when Met. Relating to that affair
- 3 To see if the Town will give those Persons that own the Pews over the Stairs in the Meeting House Liberty to make windows in said Pews
- 4 To see if the Town will agree to sell the Pew grounds next to the womens Stairs in the Meeting House to the Highest Bidders or pass any other vote that may be thought proper when Met. Relating to said Pew grounds
- 5 To see if the Town will agree to let the Swine Run at Large this present year and the same was committed to the Constables

March 3^d 1766

at a general Town Meeting at the Meeting House it being legally warned as appeared by the Returns of the Constables on their warrants and proceeded as follows Capt. Daniel Fletcher was Chosen Moderator for said Meeting and Francis Faulkner was Chosen Town Clerk and first select man Ephraim Hunt and Thomas Blagden was Chosen Constables M^r Joseph Piper and Nathaniel Edwards was Chosen wardens John Heald jun. was Chosen second select man Ephraim Blomer was Chosen third select man and the select men was Chosen assessors Lieut Jonathan Billing was Chosen Town Treasurer M^r Simon Hunt and M^r John Cragin was Chosen Sadding men Capt Samuel Key was Lieut Jonathan Billing Joseph Barker David Turbitt Amos Prebott John Heywood Oliver Miller was Chosen surveyors of Highways and Collector of the High way Rate M^r Mark White was Chosen Sealer of wads and M^r Joseph Capt Fletcher was Chosen Surveyor of wheat M^r John Hunt and M^r Oliver Jones was Chosen Cutlers of Hoops and Staves M^r Nathaniel Edwards was Chosen Surveyor of Clabboards and Shingles Stephen Law and Joseph Brabrook was Chosen fence owners Samuel Jones and M^r John Davis was Chosen Deacons M^r James Barnard and M^r Ephraim Dudley was Chosen Hogpavers all which were sworn into their respective offices as the Law directs except Thomas Blagden who has refused to take the oath of a Constable

- 2 it was Propounded Whether the Town will agree to work at the Highways by a Rate this present year voted in the affirmative and then it was Propounded Whether the Town will raise Sixty Pounds of Money to repair the High ways this present year voted on the affirmative and then it was Propounded Whether the Town will Impower the assessors to assess the Town for the above sum by the next year valuation voted on the affirmative and then it was Propounded Whether the Town will give to Every Person Liberty to work out there High way Rate at three Shillings p Day for a man and one Shilling and eight Pence p Day for oxen and two Shillings a Day for a man and one Shilling and four Pence for oxen and Cart p Day the Remainder of the year
- 3 Propounded Whether the Town will give those Persons that own the Pews over the Stairs in the Meeting House Liberty to build windows in said Pews voted they do not. At the second Reading so as to weaken the House voted on the affirmative

- 4 it was Propounded Whether the Town will agree to sell the Pew grounds next to the womens Stairs to the Highest Bidders voted on the affirmative and then it was Propounded Whether the select should be a Committee for to sell said Pew grounds voted on the affirmative and said Pew ground was sold to M^r William Barker he being the Highest Bidder for Two Pounds which money said Barker Promised to pay by the third Day of September next
- 5 it was Propounded Whether the Town will agree to let the Swine Run at Large this present year voted on the affirmative and then the Meeting was Dissolved

Acton March 4th 1766

To an order to Danforth Heywood for three Pounds it being for his service in keeping School. 3rd and

March 4th 1766

To an order to Deacon Brooks for six Shillings & seven Pence it being an abatement of his Rides 6th and

To an order to Frd. Faulkner for two Pounds seven and eight Pence it being for tithes and money spent in the Towns Service 2nd 7th 8th

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April 15th 1766

Then the Select. met. and appointed a Town Meeting to be at the Meeting house on Monday the Twenty first Day of April Instant at four of the Clock in the afternoon to consider and conclude on the following Article viz

To See if the Town will agree to make no further opposition against there being a County Road from Ephraim Haggood's by Samuel Jones to Josiah Haywards in said Town which has lately been reported to be necessary to the Court of General Sessions of the Peace by a Committee sent by said Court to view the same and pass any other vote that may be thought proper when met relating to that affair and the same was committed to the Constables

April 21st 1766 at a General Town Meeting in Action it being legally warned as appeared by the return of the Constables one there Warrant to Deacon John Brooks was chosen Moderator and proceeded as follows on the Article it was Propounded Whether the Town will make no further opposition against there being a County Road from Ephraim Haggood's by Samuel Jones to m^r Josiah Haywards voted on the Affirmative also voted that the Select men Inform the Committee that is appointed for a further view of said Road of the Proceedings of the Town and that the is satisfied with the Report of the former Committee which Reports in favor of said way and then the Meeting was Dissolved

March 4th 1766 then the Select men appointed a Town Meeting to be at the Meeting House on Monday the Twenty fourth Day of this Instant March at Three of the Clock in the afternoon to consider and conclude on the following Article viz To See if the Town will agree to buy a Constable in the Room of Thomas Blayshard who has refused to take the oath and the same was committed to the Constables

March 4th 1766 at a General Town Meeting at the Meeting House it being legally warned as appeared by the return of the Constables of his warrant m^r John Hunt was chosen Moderator and proceeded as follows on the Article it was Propounded Whether the Town will buy a Constable in the Room of Thomas Blayshard voted in the Affirmative and m^r Robert Chester was chosen and sworn and the Meeting was Dissolved

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May 4th 1766

Then the Select men met and appointed a Town Meeting to be at the Meeting House on Monday the Nineteenth Day of this Instant May at Two of the Clock in the afternoon to consider and conclude on the following Articles (viz)

- 1 To See if the Town will agree to buy a Repentitew
- 2 To See How much money the Town will raise to Defray the Necessary Charges that have or may arise this Present year within the Liberty
- 3 To See How much money the Town will raise to Support a Reading and a writing School this Present year and pass any other vote that may be thought proper when met relating to a school
- 4 To See How much money the Town will raise to Purchase the Red m^r Swifts fire wood this Present year
- 5 To See if the Town will give Liberty to m^r William Barker to make a window in his Shop in the Meeting House provided said Barker will keep said window in repair and the same was committed to the Constables

May 4th 1766 at a General Town Meeting at the Meeting House it being legally warned as appeared by the return of the Constables on the Warrant to m^r Sam^l Haywards was chosen Moderator and proceeded as follows the first Article was Propounded and passed in the Negative

- 2 it was Propounded Whether the Town will raise Sixteen Pounds to Defray the Necessary Charges this Present year voted in the Affirmative
- 3 It was Propounded Whether the Town will raise Twenty Pounds to Support a Reading and a writing School this Present year voted in the Affirmative also voted that Six Pounds of that sum shall be Expended in a Reading School if the Several Parts agree to have it so
- 4 it was Propounded Whether the Town will raise two Pounds thirteen Shilling & four Pence to Purchase the Red m^r Swifts fire wood this Present year voted in the Affirmative
- 5 It was Propounded Whether the Town will give Liberty to m^r William Barker to make a window in his Shop in the Meeting House provided said Barker will keep said window in repair voted in the Affirmative and the Meeting was Dissolved

February 4th 1767

To an order to m^r Ephraim Holmes for one Pound
 Pound Nine Pence it Being for time and money
 expended at the Quarters Sessions on a long pleat
 against Thomas, Blanchard for his refusing to serve
 in the office of a constable — 1^l 0^s 9^d

at the same time an order to Ephraim Holmes
 for one Pound Eight Shillings and Eight Pence
 it Being for time and money spent in the Towns
 Service 128^l 8^s

at the same time an order to Capt Saml Heywood
 for three Pounds Six Shillings and Eight Pence it Being
 the Part of the School money Belonging to his Society 3^l 6^s 8^d

at the same time an order to Lieut John Reed for
 three Pounds Six Shillings and Eight Pence it Being
 for the School in the North East Part of the Town 3^l 6^s 8^d

at the same time an order to Lieut John Reed
 for one Pound Twelve Shillings it Being for time
 and Money spent in the Towns Service

February 4th 1767

To an order to Lieut Billing for Ten Shillings it Being
 for his Service as Town Officer L 0 10^s 0^d

at the same time an order to m^r William Barker
 for Thirteen Shillings it Being for his Taking care
 of the Meeting House L 0 13^s 4^d

at the same time an order to Lieut Billing for three
 Pounds Six Shillings and Eight Pence it Being the Proportion
 of School money Belonging to his Squadron L 3^l 6^s 8^d

at the same time an order to Lieut Billing for
 three Pounds Eighteen Shillings it Being for Supporting
 the French Child at Concord L 3^l 18^s 0^d

at the same time an order to m^r Josiah Piper for
 three Pounds Six Shillings and Eight Pence it Being
 for the school in the North East Part of the Town

February 4th 1767

To an order to m^r John Brequidun for fifteen Shillings
 it Being for his Services in opposing the New County Road L 15^l 0^s 0^d

at the same time an order to Francis Faulkner for one
 Pound Sixteen Shillings it Being for time and money
 spent in the Towns Service L 1^l 16^s 0^d

at the same time an order to m^r Ephraim Hunt for
 two Pounds Six Shillings and Eight Pence it Being for
 the School in the South West Part of the Town 2^l 6^s 8^d

at the same time an order to m^r Ephraim Hunt for
 one Pound it Being for a Women's School L 1^l 0^s 0^d

at the same time an order to m^r Mark White for one
 Pound Thirteen Shillings it Being for his Service in opposing
 the New County Road L 1^l 13^s 0^d

February 4th 1767

Then the select men met and appointed a Town Meeting
 to be at the Meeting House in the P.M. Monday of March
 at one of the Clock in the afternoon to consider and conclude
 on the following articles

- 1 To Chuse Town Officers for the year ensuing
- 2 To see if the Town will agree to Make a New Contract with
 the Rev. m^r John Swift. Relating to his Salary and Paps any
 other vote that May be thought Proper when Met. Relating
 to said Salary
- 3 To see if the Town will agree to work at the Highways by a Rate
 this Present year as also to see how Much money the Town will
 raise for said Highway and Paps any other vote that May be
 thought Proper when met. Relating to that affair
- 4 To see what Method the Town will come into to build the bridge
 over Jones and Faulkners mill Pond for the New County Road
 and Paps any other vote that may be thought Proper when
 met. Relating to the build of said bridge
- 5 To see if the Town will agree to Abate the Rates of the new Stables
 by reason of his being Rated in the Town of Littleton
- 6 To see if the Town will agree to let the Service Run at Large
 this Present year and the same was committed to the Constable

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At a general Town Meeting at the Meeting House it being legally warned as appeared by the Returns of the Constables on their warrants Capt Daniel Fletcher was Chosen Moderator and Proceeded as follows Francis Faulkner was Chosen Town Clerk and first select men James Faulkner and Thomas Royce were Chosen Constables m^r Josiah Hayward and m^r Joseph Robbins were Chosen Wardens m^r John Reed and Ephraim Holmes was Chosen select man Titus Law and Samuel White was Chosen Testimony men Lieut Jonathan Billing was Chosen Town Treasurer Josiah Hayward Samuel Jones David Brooks Robert Cheffins Mark White and David Reed was Chosen Surveyors of High ways and collection of the High way Rate Samuel Jones and Oliver Jones was Chosen Livery of Robt and Aaron Samuel Wright and Joseph Bradbrook was Chosen fence viewers Nathaniel Faulkner and Seth Brooks was Chosen Surveyors of the Woods and Shingles Stephen Laws was Chosen Deer Kill Stephen Holmes and Josiah Pomeroy was Chosen Hogreaver Mark White was Chosen Dealer of warts and Measurers the select men was Chosen Officers

- 2 it was Propounded whether the Town will Chuse a Committee to treat with the Rev^d m^r John Swift about making a new contract with him relating to his Salary and Rept. to the Town the Proposal that shall be Made at the next May Meeting voted in the Affirmative and then it was Propounded whether Capt Sam^l Hayward Capt Sam^l Davies Deacon Reed Deacon Brooks Deacon Holmes Capt Fletcher Lieut Billing Josiah Hayward Nathaniel Edwards with the select men be a Committee for the Purpos above said voted in the Affirmative
- 3 it was Propounded Whether the Town will Agree to work at the High ways by a Rate this this Report year voted on the Affirmative and then it was Propounded whether the Town will Raise Sixty Pounds for said ways voted on the Affirmative then it was Propounded whether the Town will Dispose the Overseers to Assess the Town for the above sum by the last year valuation voted on the Affirmative and then it was Propounded whether the Town will Give Liberty for every Person to work out there High way Rate at three Shillings a Day for a man and one Shilling and eight Pence a Day for a woman and a boy until the first Day of September next and two Shillings for a man and the above Price for a woman and a boy the Remedy of this year voted on the Affirmative
- 4 it was Propounded Whether the Town will Chuse a Committee to let out the Bridging of the Bridge over said mill Pond to them that shall appear to take it this Report year voted on the Affirmative and then it was Propounded whether Capt Hayward Nathaniel Edwards Robert Cheffins Daniel Brooks Joseph Robbins be a Committee for said service voted on the Affirmative

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- 5 tender if then it was Propounded whether the Town will about the Rates of Chimney Sweepers and it Passed in the Affirmative
- 6 It was Propounded Whether the Town will Agree to let the Swine Run at Large this Report year voted on the Affirmative and then the Meeting was Dissolved

May 4th 1767

Then the select men met and approved a Town Meeting to be at the Meeting House on Thursday the Fourth Day of this Instant May at Two of the Clock in the afternoon to Consider and conclude on the following Articles 1st

- 1 To See if the Town will Agree to Chuse a Representative
- 2 To See if the Town (the Rev^d m^r John Swift Consenting) will Agree that the Original Contract Relating to his Salary be Dissolved and that his Salary for the future shall be Seventy Pounds Lawfull money annually and to be Paid in two Equal Payments During his Continuance in the Ministry among us
- 3 To See if the Town will Agree to Make Application to the Court of General Officers of the Peace to be Holden at Cambridge on the Ninth Day of this Instant May to See if said Court will grant that the Gift that the Town of Histon has been Paid to by Reason of a warrant Being granted by said Court to Com^r in Thomas Blayshard of Histon who was Chosen into the Office of a Constable by said Town of Histon to be Paid by the County of Middlesex and Pass any other vote that May be thought Proper when Met Relating to that affair
- 4 To See How Much Money the Town will Raise to Defray the Charges that have or May arise this Report year Relating to the same
- 5 To See How much money the Town will Raise to support a Reading and a Writing School this Report year and Pass any other vote that May be thought Proper when Met Relating to a School
- 6 To See if the Town will Agree to Pay to m^r Eschiel Davis the Damage that was Claimed by the Committee that laid out the New County Road for said Roads going through his Land or Pass any other vote that May be thought Proper when Met Relating to that affair

- 7 To see if the Town will agree to Pay to m^r Keeschah. Whether the Damage that was Estimated by the Committee that Laid out the New County Road for said Roads Being Laid through his Land
- 8 To see How much Money the Town will Raise to Purchase the the Red m^r Swifts pro wood Proved his Original Contract without Alter
- 9 To see if the Town will accept of the men & Pros. Names the Select men have Taken Down to serve on Petit Jury at the Superior Court as they may be called for from time to time and the same was committed to the Constables

May 4th 1767

- At a general Town Meeting at the Meeting House it being Legally warned as appeared by the Returns of the Constables on their warrants Deacon John Brooks was Chosen Moderator for said Meeting and Proceeded as follows (viz) the first Article was Propounded and Passed in the Affirmative
- 2 on the second Article it was Propounded Whether the original Contract Relating to the Red m^r John Swifts Salary shall be Disputed and that his Salary for the future shall be twenty Pounds Sterling annually and be Paid in two Equal Payments During his Continuance in the Ministry among us and it was voted on the Affirmative
 - 3 it was Propounded Whether the Town will make application to the Court of General Sessions of the Peace to be held in at Concord on Tuesday the 1st of September Next for that they have been Put to in Prosecuting Thomas Blanchard for his Refusing to serve in the Office of a Constable Voted in the Affirmative also voted that the Select Men be a Committee for said Purposes
 - 4 It was Propounded Whether the Town will Raise Twenty Six Pounds to defray the necessary Charge that have or may arise this present year within the time voted in the affirmative
 - 5 it was Propounded Whether the Town will Raise Twenty Pounds for a Reading and Writing School the Select men voted in the affirmative also voted that said money be divided into Six Equal Parts
 - 6 it was Propounded Whether the Town will Pay to m^r Eschuel Davis the Sum of Fourteen Pounds as Damages for the New County Road lying through his Land voted in the affirmative
 - 7 the eighth Article was Defined
 - 8 it was Propounded Whether the Town will accept of the men & Pros. Names the Select men have Taken Down to serve on the Petit Jury voted on the Affirmative

September 4th 1767

Then the Select men met and appointed a Town Meeting to be at the Meeting House on Monday 4th of October at three of the Clock in the afternoon to consider and conclude on the following Article (viz)

To see if the Town will Select out of the Petit Jury Box one quarter of the Number of men & Pros. Names are Written in said Box to serve as Jurors at the Superior Court of Judicature as they shall be called for from time to time and the same was committed to the Constables

October 4th 1767 at a general Town Meeting at the Meeting House it being Legally as appeared by the Returns of the Constables on their warrants Deacon John Brooks was Chosen Moderator for said Meeting and Proceeded as follows it was Propounded Whether the Town will Select out one quarter of the men & Pros. Names are Written in the Petit Jury Box to serve as Jurors at the Superior Court of Judicature voted in the Affirmative and Lupt Samuel Hayward Lupt John Davis Lupt Daniel Fitcher Josiah Hayward Lupt William Nath^l Edwards John Shield Jun^r Ephraim Hosmer Mark White Eph^m Hapgood Sam^l Jones Francis Faulthner

December 4th 1767

Then the Select men met and appointed a Town Meeting to be at the Meeting House on Monday the fourth Day of January at one of the Clock in the afternoon to consider and conclude on the following Article

- 1 To see if the Town will agree to Join with the several Towns in the Northerly Part of the County of Middlesex in Petitioning to the General Assembly that the several Courts of Justice of Probate and Registrar Office may for the future be held in the Town of Concord and Pass any other that may be thought proper when met
- 2 To see if the Town will comply with the Proposals sent to this Town by the Town of Boston Relating to the Encouraging of Manufactures among ourselves and Purchasing of Superfluous from abroad and the same was committed to the Constables

January 4th 1768 at a general Town Meeting at the Meeting House Lupt William was Chosen Moderator for said Meeting and Proceeded as follows

- 1 It was Propounded Whether the Town will Join with the several Towns in the Northerly Part of the County of Middlesex in Petitioning to the General Assembly that the several Courts of Justice of Probate and Registrar Office may for the future be held in the Town of Concord and in the affirmative and Lupt Samuel Hayward and Francis

- 2 on the second Article it was Propounded Whether the Town will comply with the Proposals sent to this Town by the Town of Boston, Relating to the Encouraging of Manufactures among our selves and not Purchasing of Superfluities from abroad voted in the Affirmative

October 4th 1767 For an order to Ephraim Hunt for fifteen Shillings it being for removing the French Family 0.15.0

February 4th

To an order to m^r Mark White for fifteen Shillings and ten Pence it being for repairing the School Stock of Boston

To an order to m^r Mark White for three Pounds six Shillings and eight Pence it being for the School in his Garden 3.6.8

at the same time an order to James Barnard for three Pounds six Shillings & eight Pence it being for the School

To an order to Capt Jam^s Hayward for Twelve Pounds it being for building the Bridge over Southons Mill Pond 12.0.0

February 1768 an order to Francis Sadler for five Pounds seven Shillings and four Pence it being for time and money Expended at the several Courts in the affair of Thomas Blayfield 5.7.4

at the same time an order to Ephraim Kappoon for three Pounds six Shillings and eight Pence it being for the School in the North-west Part of the Town 3.6.8

at the same time an order to Lt Davies for one Pound thirteen Shillings & four Pence it being for his service in keeping School 1.13.4

at the same time an order to Nathan Parlin for one Pound thirteen Shillings it being for his service in keeping School 1.13.4

at the same time an order to Lieut John Keel for two Pounds Ten Shillings it being Partly for time and money spent in the Town Service and Partly for money spent in the affair of Thomas Blayfield 2.10.0

at the same time an order to Ephraim Hosmer for two Pounds two Shillings it being Partly for time and money spent in the Town Service and Partly for money spent in the affair of Thomas Blayfield

March 4th 1768

To an order to Lieut Billing for four Pounds Ten Shillings it being for money Paid for supporting the French Child at London 4.10.0

To an order to David Brooks for sixteen Shillings it being for his styling in removing Lydia Perham to the Town of Milborough 1.16.0

To an order to Lieut Billing for Ten Shillings it being for his service as Town Treasurer 1.10.0

at the same time an order to m^r John Craig for one Pound four Shillings it being his fee as an Evidence in behalf of the Town against Thomas Blayfield 1.4.0

at the same time an order to Simon Tittle for one Pound four Shillings it being his fee as an Evidence in behalf of the Town against Thomas Blayfield 1.4.0

at the same time an order to Daniel Brooks for one Pound four Shillings it being his fee as an Evidence in behalf of the Town against Thomas Blayfield 1.4.0

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To an order to William Barker for thirteen Shillings and four Pence it being for his service in taking care of the Meeting House 1.13.4

at the same time an order to William Barker for nine Shillings it being his fee as an Evidence against Thomas Blayfield 1.9.0

at the same time an order to Robert Chaffin for one Pound fourteen Shillings & seven Pence it being his fee as an Evidence and expenses in the affair of Thomas Blayfield 1.14.10

at the same time an order to Robert Chaffin for three Shillings and seven Pence it being for repairing the window in the Meeting House 0.3.7

at the same time an order to John Chaffin for eight Shillings it being for Timber for m^r Joseph Blayfield's regt 0.8.0

at the same time an order to James Deed for eight Shillings it being for Hues and on in the Meeting House

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Then the select men appointed a Town Meeting to be at the Meeting House on the first Monday of March Next at one of the clock in the afternoon to consider and conclude on the following Articles (viz)

- 1 To Choose Town Officers for the year ensuing
 - 2 To See if the Town will agree to make any further Application for the Gift that Natharrison in Prosecuting Thomas Blasphems for not Serving in the office of a Constable or Agree to pay the Expenses and Officers there for that was summoned in behalf of in that case or pay any other vote that may be thought proper when met relating to that affair
 - 3 To See if the Town will agree to work at the High ways by a Rate this Present year as also To See how much Money the Town will raise for said High ways and pay any other vote that may be proper when met relating to that affair
 - 4 To See if the Town will Discontinue the Bridle way that was laid out to accommodate Lieut John Adams
 - 5 To See if the Town will Discontinue the Bridle way that was laid out to accommodate Lt Hapgood to meeting
 - 6 To See if the Town will agree to let the Swinckum at Large this Present year and the same was committed to the selectmen
- March 7th 1768

At a General Town Meeting at the Meeting House in Auton. it being legally warned as appeared by the Return of the Constable on there warrants Cap Daniel Fletcher was chosen Moderator and Proceeded as follows Francis Faulkner was chosen Town Clerk and select men m^r H^l Edwards and Esq^r Hapgood was chosen select men m^r Francis Barker & m^r John Emory was chosen Constables David Furber and John Heywood was chosen warden Lieut John Keels and Nathaniel Faulkner was chosen sitting men William Cutting Thomas ^{Pay} Samuel J. Pile & Chemish & Nathaniel Furber and Timothy Brooks was chosen Surveyors of High ways and collector of the High way Rate Lieut Jonathan Billing was chosen Town Treasurer m^r Mark White was chosen dealer of writs and Nathaniel Samuel Wright and John Brooks was chosen fence viewers Sam^l Denison and Samuel White was chosen hatters of Hops and Havers Robert Chaffin and Nathaniel Faulkner was chosen fence Surveyors of Cleece and m^r George Stephen Law was chosen Dea^r Keyff Francis Cagin and Robert Robbins was chosen Roy river and all sworn into their respective offices

- 3 The third article was Propounded and it Defied in the Negative
- 4 it was Propounded whether the Town will pay those Expenses that was summoned to several courts in Behalf of the Town against Thomas Blasphem voted in the Affirmative

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- 5 it was Propounded whether the Town will agree to work at the High ways by a Rate this Present year voted in the Affirmative and then it was Propounded whether the Town will keep Sixty Pounds to repair said way voted on the Affirmative and then it was Propounded whether the Town will Impower the Officers to keep the Town for the above sum by the said year valuation voted in the Affirmative also voted that Every Person shall have Liberty to work at the High way Rates at three p^r Day for a man and one Shilling & eight Pence p^r Day for one Oxen and last untill the last Day of August and two Shillings p^r Day for a man and one Shilling & eight Pence for one Oxen and last the Remainder of the year
 - 6 it was Propounded whether the Town will Discontinue Lieut John Adams Bridal way voted in the Affirmative
 - 7 it was Propounded whether the Town will Discontinue Esq^r Hapgood Bridal way voted in the Affirmative
- it was Propounded whether the Town will agree to let the Swinckum at Large this Present year voted on the Affirmative

February 25th 1768

To an order to James Faulkner for one Pound it being for running Lydia Parker to New Hampshire L 1-0-0

To an order to Simon Hunt for three Pounds six Shillings & eight Pence it being for his service in keeping School - L 3-6-8

an order to John Davis for six Shillings it being for his being an Evidence in the affair of Thomas Blasphem - 0-6-0

March 4th 25th 1768

an order to Ephraim Hunt for one Pound six Shillings it being the abatement of Jonas Allen and Sam^l Lown Rates L 1-6-0

To an order to Robert Chaffin for the abatement of David Keyes Rates

May 4th 1768

Then the select men appointed a Town Meeting to be at the Meeting House on Wednesday 4th Day of this Instant. May at Two of the Clock in the afternoon to consider and conclude on the following Articles (viz.)

- 1 To See if the Town will agree to chuse a Representative.
- 2 To chuse a Moderator
- 3 To See How much money the Town will Raise to Defray the Necessary Charges that shall or may arise this Present year within the same
- 4 To See How much Money the Town will Raise to Support a Reading and a writing School this Present year and Pass any other vote that may be thought proper when met relating to a School and the same was committed to the Selectmen

May 4th 1768

at a General Town Meeting at the Meeting House it being legally warned as appeared by the Returns of the Constables two of their warrants Capt Daniel Fletcher was chosen Representative and Moderator for said Meeting and Proceeded as follows

- 1 it was Propounded whether the Town will Raise Twenty five Pounds to Defray the Necessary Charges this Present year voted in the Affirmative
- 2 it was Propounded whether the Town will Raise Twenty four Pounds for a Reading and a writing School. voted in the Affirmative also voted that the Select. Divided said money into six Parts and that Each Party have Liberty to Expens one Pound in a women School and the Meeting was Dissolved

September 4th 1768

Then the select men appointed a Town meeting to be at the meeting House in said Town on 4th 20th Day of this Instant September at Two of the Clock in the afternoon to consider and conclude on the following Articles (viz.)

- 1 To chuse a moderator for said meeting
- 2 To See if the Town will agree to chuse a man to Joine in the Committee of Conciliation that may be sent from the several Towns within this Province to hold a Convention at Boston on Thursday 22nd Day of September Instant in order to consult His Majesty's Service and the Intrest of this Province and Pass any vote that may be thought proper when met
- 3 To See if the Town will agree that the Officers shall Represent the Town for the minister and Town Rates this Present year by the Last years Tax Bill
- 4 To See if the Town will agree To chuse a Committee to Joine with the Town of Stow to make a Compact between the Towns of Stow and Acton and the same was committed to the Constables

September 4th 20th 1768

At a General Town Meeting at the Meeting House it being legally warned as appeared by the Return of the Constables on the 20th Instant Deacon John Brooks was chosen Moderator for said meeting and Proceeded as follows

- 2 it was Propounded whether the Town will chuse a man to Joine in the Committee of Conciliation at Boston to be held on the 22nd Day of September Instant voted in the Affirmative and Capt Deane Fletcher was chosen for that Purpose
- 3 voted that the Officers Represent the Town for the minister and Town Rates by the Last years Tax Bill
- 4 voted that Capt Sam^l Hayward Eph^m Hapgood and Francis Faulkner be a Committee to Joine with the Town of Stow to make a Compact between the Towns of Stow and Acton at the next Session in case the Meeting was Dissolved

February 4th 1769

To an order to m^r Nathaniel Edwards for Two Pounds two Shillings it being for time spent in the Town Service 2:0:4
at the same time an order to En^s Hapgood for two Pounds Eight Pence it being for time spent in the Town Service 2:0:8

at the same time an order to m^r John Craig for Two Pounds it being for his Service in Hapgood School

L 2:0:0

at the same time an order to En^s Hapgood for four Pounds it being for the School in the west Part of the Town L 4:0:0

at the same time an order to Amos Faulkner for four Pounds it being for the School in the South West Part of the Town L 4:0:0

at the same time an order to Simon Tuttle for four Pounds it being for the School in the North West Part of the Town L 4:0:0

February 9th 1769

To an order to Capt. Hayward for one Pound it being for his Service and Expenses as a Committee man in the affair of Petitioning for the several Courts of Justice to be held in the Town of Concord

L 1:0:0

at the same time an order to Tra^d Faulkner for Two Pounds five Shillings & eight Pence it being for Taking an Appraisal and Making Return

L 2:5:8

at the same time an order to m^r Nath^l Edwards for four Pounds it being for the school in his Square

L 4:0:0

at the same time an order to m^r Daniel Brooks for thirteen Shillings & four Pence it being in full of his fee as an Evidence in the affair of Thomas Blanchard

L 0:13:4

at the same time an order to m^r John Craig for seven Shillings and six Pence it being in full of his fee as an Evidence against Thomas Blanchard

L 0:7:6

at the same time an order to m^r Simon Tuttle for seven Shillings & six Pence it being in full of his fee as above said

L 0:7:6

at the same time an order to m^r Robert Cheffia for fifteen Shillings and nine Pence it being his fee as above

L 0:15:9

March 9th 1769

To an order to m^r William Barker for thirteen Shillings and four Pence it being for his taking care of the Meeting House

L 0:13:4

at the same time an order to John Adams for one Shilling and six Pence it being for underpinning the Meeting House

L 0:1:6

at the same time an order to James Faulkner for one Shilling it being for the abatement of Stephen Farwell

L 0:1:0

Concord

February 9th 1769

Then the Select men met and appointed a Town Meeting to be at the Meeting House in said Town on the First Monday of March Instant at one of the Clock in the afternoon to confer and conclude on the following Articles (viz)

- 1 To Chuse a moderator for said meeting
- 2 To Chuse Town officers for the year ensuing
- 3 To See if the Town will agree to repair the Meeting House and Pass any other vote that May be thought Proper when met relating to that affair
- 4 To See if the Town will agree to sell the Two Blind Seats that belong to the Body of Hats upon the Lower floor in the meeting House for Pew ground for four Pews to the Right Hand Side or Pass any other that May be thought Proper when met relating to the Disposing of said Seats
- 5 To See if the Town will agree to work at the High ways by a rate this present year as also to see how much Money the Town will raise for said High ways and Pass any other vote May be thought Proper when met relating to that affair
- 6 To See if the Town will accept of a High way laid out by the Select men to accommodate Samuel Hayward Jun^r to Meeting according to the Return of said way at the Meeting
- 7 To See if the Town will abate the Rates of m^r John Harris for the year 1767 by Reason of his being in Low Circumstances and allowing his aged Father to Support
- 8 To See if the Town will agree to let the Swine Run close this present year and the same was committed to the Constable

March 9th 1769

At a General Town Meeting at the Meeting House in Concord it being legally warned as appeared by the Returns of the Return of the Constables on this a warrant Capt Daniel Fletcher was chosen Moderator and Proceeded as follows (viz)

- 1 Francis Faulkner was chosen Town Clerk and Select man
- Nath^l Edwards & Ephraim was chosen Select men
- Roger Wheeler and Joseph Brabrook was chosen Constable
- Francis Faulkner & Daniel Brooks was chosen Wardens
- Samuel Hart and John Hunt was chosen Tithing men
- Josiah Mansfield Jones Parker Simon Tuttle Simon Hunt Capt Daniel Fletcher and Capt Hayward was chosen Surveyors of Highway & Collector of the High way Rate

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Jonathan Billing was chosen Town Treasurer Mark White
was chosen Seller of warts and Messrs Samuel White Jr
and Samuel Jones Jr was chosen, tullen of Hoops and Slaves
Robert Cheffen and Nathaniel Faulkner was chosen Surgeon
of Ababots and Shingles Iocal. Head and Selas Loxant was
chosen, fence viewers Abraham Turbitt and Hchemiah
Whaler was chosen Hogs Rieves & the Select men was chosen
apport all which was sworn into their respective offices as
the Law Directs

- 3 it was Propounded Whether the Town will repair the
Meeting House voted in the Affirmative also voted that
the L^yportation and Method that the Town will com into
to repair said House be referd to the next May Meeting
- 4 on the Forth Article it was Propounded Whether the Town will
sell the Two Hind Seats upon the lower floor in the Meeting
House for four Pews to Highst Bidders voted in the Affirmative
also voted that the ^{ground} Two Pews sit to the Broad alley shall be cut
up at Ten Pounds each and the other Two at eight Pounds each
also voted that the select men be a committee to Dispose of said
Seats in manner above said
- 5 it was Propounded Whether the Town will work at the High way
by a rate this Present year voted in the Affirmative and then
it was Propounded Whether the Town will raise Sixty Pounds
to repair said ways voted in the Affirmative also voted that
every man have Liberty to work but his High way Rate at
three Shillings p Day for a man and Two Shillings p Day for
2 oxen and a last untill the fift Day of September next
and Two Shillings p Day for a man & two Shillings p Day for
one Pair of oxen and a last the Remains of the year
also voted that the Assessors shall Assess the Town for the above
sum by the next year to come
- 6 it was Propounded Whether the Town will accept of a High
way Laid out by the select men to accomodate Samuel
Haywards Jun. to meeting voted in the Affirmative
- 7 It was Propounded Whether the Town will abate the
Rates of John Harris for the year 1767 voted in the Affirmative
- 8 voted that the same Run at Large this Present
and the Meeting was Adjourned

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Atton March 1st 1769
Then we the Subscribers Laid out a High way to provide
Samuel Haywards Jun^r to meeting beginning at a White oak
Tree markt Near said Haywards and from thence to a White
oak tree Markt then to a Ditch Near Tree Markt then
to a White oak tree then to a Black oak tree then to a
Ditch Near then to a heap of Stones at the Road that
Lead from Capt Haywards to the Meeting House said way
is a Two Road way and the Marks are on the Right side
of said way
Francis Faulkner } Selul. men
Eph^m Haygood }

March 1st 1769
To an order to m^r William Barker for thirteen Shillings &
four Pence it being for his service in taking care of the
Meeting House L^y 13:4
at the same Time an order to James Faulkner for one
Shilling it being an abatement of Stephen Farrs Rate

March 13th 1769
To an order to Lieut John Head for three Shilling & four Pence
it being for his service in Pambulating and lopping the
valuable & Drvine Rate to return to the Genesh Court
L^y 3:4
at the same Time an order to m^r Eph^m Hosmer for
Two Shilling it being for his service in lopping of the
Province Rate L^y 2:0

at the same Time an order to m^r Iocal Head for one
Shilling & four Pence it being for his service in Pambulating
L^y 1:4

April 4th 1769
To an order to Nathan Dorbin for four Pounds it being
for his service in Repairing school L^y 4:0:0

at the same Time an order to Josiah Pope for five Shilling
in being for Timber for m^r Joseph Haywards & Sons
at the same time an order to James Dingley for five Shilling
it being for repairing the window and for a lock & key for
the meeting House L^y 5:4

March 4th 1769

To an. order to Thomas Darby For two Pounds it being for his service in keeping school. £2:0:0

April 7th 1769

To an. order to John Emery & to the to Kenneth & Ruler for Perambulating both being £0:4:4

Acton March 4th 1769

Then the select men appointed a Town Meeting ^{to be at} in said Town on Tuesday the fourth Day of this Instant April at Two of the Clock in the afternoon to consider and conclude on the following articles viz

- 1 To Chuse a Moderator to govern said Meeting
- 2 To See if the Town will agree to Defend the Town Line against the claims of the Town of Hox or any other vote that may be thought proper when met relating to that affair and the same was committed to the Constables

Acton April 4th 1769

at a General Town Meeting at the Meeting House in said Town it being legally warned as appeared by the returns of the Constables on their warrants Dressed as follows

- 1 Capt John Hunt was chosen Moderator to govern said Meeting
- 2 It was Propounded whether the Town will Dismiss the Petition voted in the affirmative and the Meeting was Dissolved

Acton April 15th 1769

Then the select men appointed a Town Meeting to be at the Meeting House in said Town on Saturday the Eight Day of this Instant April at Two of the Clock in the afternoon to consider and conclude on the following articles viz

- 1 To Chuse a Moderator to govern said Meeting
- 2 To See what the Town will do relating to the Line between the Towns of Hox and Acton relating to the claims of the Proprietors of said Hox in a Law lately letly commenced against Roger Wheeler of said Acton and any other votes that may be thought proper when met and the same was committed to the Constables

Acton April 25th 1769

at a General Town Meeting at the Meeting House in said Town it being legally warned as appeared by the returns of the Constables on their warrants and proceeded as follows Capt Daniel Fletcher was chosen Moderator to govern said Meeting

- 2 on the Second Article it was Propounded whether the Town will Define the Line between the Towns of Hox and Acton in a Law lately commenced against Roger Wheeler by the Proprietors of said Hox in order to lay said Line voted in the affirmative also voted that Capt Samuel Hayward Capt Daniel Fletcher and Francis Faulkner be a Committee to Define said Line and the Meeting was Dissolved

Acton March 12th 1769

Whereas we the subscribers being appointed a Committee at the Annual Meeting in March Instant to sell the two Hind Seats upon the Lower floor in the Meeting House for New Ground for four Pews to the Highest bidder and agreeable to our Instructions from the Town we this Day met at the House of Mark White and sold said New ground at a Publick vendue in the following Manner viz the ground for the Pew adjoining the Broad alley on the women's side we sold to Daniel Brook for eleven Pounds fifteen Shillings the ground for the Pew adjoining the Broad alley on the men's side we sold to Ed^d Joseph Robbins for Ten Pounds Ten Shillings and the other New ground on the women's side we sold to Thomas Koye for eight Pounds fifteen Shillings and the other New ground on the men's side we sold to Jonathan Hooper Jun for eight Pounds ten Shillings

Nathl Edwards } Committee
Ephraim Hapgood }
Francis Faulkner }

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To the Town Clerk of Acton. This are to certify that we
whose names are under written enter our dissent against
a vote past at a Town Meeting in said Acton on the Eight
Day of April 1789 that they the Town of Acton as a Town
would defend the Line between the Town of Hous and Acton
in a Law Sute commenced against Roger Wheeler by the
Proprietors of said Hous in order to try the Line first
because the Land sued for was Proprietors Land and a great
Number that voted to have the Town defend the Line was
Proprietors. Secondly we think it unreasonable that we of
the Town should defend the Proprietors Ship at one

April 4th 1789

Sam^l Wheeler

Daniel Lock

Jonah Piper

John Neal Jr.

Thomas Blanchard

Amos Parker

John Heywood

Joseph Robbins

James Dudley

Asenath Wheeler

Samuel Davis

Daniel Brooks

John Davis

Edson Davis

William Parker

Josiah Messers

Timothy Fletcher

Eliot Powers

Jonas Parker

Israel Reed

Simon Tuttle

Amos Lymson

Eleaser Southwell

Mark White

Sam^l Fitch

John Crangin

Acton. May 4th 1789

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Then the Select men appointed a Town Meeting to be at the
Meeting House in said Town, on Thursday the Eighteenth Day
of this Instant May at Two of the Clock in the afternoon
to consider and conclude on the following articles (viz)

- 1 To See if the Town will agree to Chuse a Representative
- 2 To Chuse a moderator to govern said Meeting
- 3 To See if the Town will agree to reconsider the vote that was
passed in our last Town Meeting relating to the defending the Line
between the Town of Hous and Acton in a Law Sute commenced
against Roger Wheeler by the Proprietors of Hous and come into
some other agreement that may be thought proper when met
so that Roger Wheeler nor any Part of the Town shall think
themselves hardly and unjustly dealt by by Friends and Neighbors
- 4 To See how and in what manner the Town will Repair the
Meeting House refers to this Meeting
- 5 To See how much Money the Town will raise to Defray
the necessary Charges that shall or may be paid that respect
year within the same
- 6 To See how much money the Town will raise to Support
a Reading and a Writing School this present year and
pay any other votes that may be thought proper when
met relating to a School or Schools and the same as
committed to the Committee

Acton, May 18th 1789

at a general Town Meeting House in said Town it being
lawfully warned as appeared by the Returns of the Constables
on their warrants it was Propounded Whether the Town
will Chuse a Representative and its Refers to the next year

- 2 Capt Daniel Fletcher was Chosen Moderator to govern said
Meeting and Proceeded as follow
- 3 it was Propounded Whether the Town will Dissolve the third
article upon the dissolution of the Committee with Roger
Wheeler that was Chosen to defend the Line between the
Town of Hous and Acton in a Law Sute commenced
against Roger Wheeler giving an Indemnifying Bond
with Roger Wheeler to defend the Town from paying any
of the Lawfull Cost of said action and that Committee
shall report the Town of nothing but the Returns on the 18th
that the Town will Chuse a Representative

4 Propounded Whether the Town will new locat the meeting, and close it. voted in the affirmative and with that Samuel Jones, Nathaniel Edwards and Robert Cheffin was chosen a committee to provide the stuff for said meeting house.

5 It was Propounded whether the Town will Raise Thirty Pounds to Defray the necessary charges that have or may arise this present year voted in the affirmative.

6 voted Twenty Four Pounds to support a Reading and a writing School, this present year also voted that the Select men divide the School into two Parts and each Part to have Liberty to expend Twenty Shillings in a women's School, and then the Meeting was Dissolved.

January of 1770

an order to Thomas Holp for one Pound Eleven Shillings it Being the abatement of John Harver's rate.

February 4th 1770

To an order to Francis Faulkner for three Pounds it Being for the School in the Southwest Part of the Town.

at the same time an order to Mary Cutting for one Pound it Being for a women's School.

February 26 1770

To an order to m^r Nathaniel Edwards for one Pound eight Shillings & four Pence it Being for time and money spent in the Town's Service.

at the same time an order to Ensign Haggood for one Pound one Shilling & four Pence it Being for time and money spent in the Town's Service.

at the same time an order to Lieut Billings for Four Pounds it Being for the School in his Ward.

at the same time an order to Ensign Haggood for Four Pounds it Being for the School in this Part of the Town.

an order to m^r Joseph Bradbrook for Ten Shillings & one Penny it Being for his removing David Keyes & family to Bedford.

an order to Oliver Kemp for four Shillings & seven Pence it Being an abatement of his Rate.

March 4th 1770

To an order to Francis Faulkner for two Pounds Seven Shillings it Being for time and money spent in the Town's Service.

at the same time an order to William Barker for Four Pounds it Being for the School in the Northwest Part of the Town.

at the same time an order to James Dudley for thirteen Shillings it Being for his taking care of the Meeting House.

an order to Lieut Billings for one Pound it Being for his Service as town Treasurer two years.

at the same time an order to Lieut Fletcher for two Pounds it Being for his service at the Convention at Boston.

April 19th 1770

To an order to Lieut Davies for Two Pounds it Being for the School in the Northwest Part of the Town.

at the same time an order to Deacon Thomas for two Pounds it Being for his Service in keeping School in the Northwest Part of the Town.

at the same time an order to m^r Simon Tuttle for one Pound ten Pence it Being for Clothing for Lydia Proctor and her Child.

an order to Joseph Dyer gun for one Pound two Shillings it Being for his Service in keeping School.

an order to Thomas Deby for one Pound two Shillings it Being for his Service in keeping School.

at on February 20th 1770
 then the select men appointed a Town Meeting to be at
 the Meeting House in said Town on the first day of March
 next at the hour of the clock on said day to consider and determine
 on the following articles (viz.)

- 1 To Chuse a moderator to govern said Meeting
- 2 To Chuse Town officers for the year ensuing
- 3 To see if the Town will agree to make any addition to the
 Meeting House and pay any other votes that may be thought
 proper when met. Relating to that affair as also to chuse a
 committee to repair said Meeting House and give said committee
 such instructions as the Town shall think proper when met
- 4 To see if the Town will accept of a Highway laid out by
 the select men to accommodate the highway according
 to the return of said way
- 5 To see if the Town will agree to accept of a way laid out
 by the select men to accommodate the highway and an Ames
 Highoth according to the return of said way
- 6 To see if the Town will accept of a Highway laid out by
 the select men to accommodate the highway according
 to the return of said way
- 7 To see if the Town will agree to work at the Highways by
 a rate this present year as also to see how much money
 the Town will raise for said Highways and pay any other
 votes that may be thought proper when met. Relating to that
 affair
- 8 To see if the Town will agree not to purchase any goods of
 these Merchants that Import goods from Great Britain
 contrary to the general agreement of the Merchants in
 Boston nor of the country Traders that purchase their
 goods of said Importers
- 9 To see if the Town will agree to chuse a committee to
 visit the Meeting House and give said committee such
 instructions as the Town shall think proper when met
- 10 To see if the Town will agree to let the same stand as
 large this present year and the same was committed to
 the laystables

March 21st 1770

at a General Town Meeting at the Meeting House in Boston
 it being legally warned as appeared by the Returns of the Laystables
 on their warrants Esq. Daniel Hittler was Chosen Moderator
 for said Meeting and Proceeded as follows

- 1 Francis Faulkner was Chosen Town Clerk & Select men Simon
 Tuttle was Chosen Second Select man Ephraim Hapgood was Chosen
 the third Select man Jonathan Horner and John Chaffin was
 Chosen Laystables Gersham Davies and Simon Hunkins was Chosen
 wardens Nathl & Edward and Samuel Wright was Chosen
 Feithing men Saml Wheeler Jun William Cutting Josiah Dyer
 Nathaniel Tuttle Esq Samuel Davies and John Hayward
 was Chosen Surveyors of Highways and Collectors of the High
 way rate and John Hunkins and David Forbush was Chosen
 fence viewers Robert Chaffin and Seth Brook was Chosen Survey
 of Ababards and Shingles Saml Jones Jun and Saml White
 was Chosen tilters of Hoops and Stewards Jonathan Billing
 was Chosen Town Treasurer Mark White was Chosen Sealer
 of wares and Messrs Nathaniel Tarlin and John Adams Jun
 was Chosen Hog Rovers all which was sworn in to their respective offices
- 2 it was Propounded whether the Town will make any addition
 to the Meeting House and it passed in the Negative and then
 it was Propounded whether the Town will chuse a committee
 to repair the Meeting House voted in the Affirmative and
 Esq. Hayward Esq. Joseph Robbins and Mr. Josiah Mangfield was
 Chosen for that purpose and left to their Disposal in what manner
 they shall see fit
- 3 the fourth article was Propounded and it was voted in the
 affirmative
- 4 the fifth article was Propounded and it was voted in the
 affirmative
- 5 the sixth article was Propounded and it passed in the Negative
- 6 it was Propounded whether the Town will agree to work at
 Highways by a rate this present year voted in the Affirmative
 and then voted to raise money to repair said Highways
 and then it was voted that the laystables of the Town for
 said year by the laystables provide and voted that the
 work be done at the same wage and in the same way
 and manner as usual -

8 The Town taking this Article into consideration comes in to the votes that we will use our utmost Endeavors to encourage and support the Body of Merchants and Traders in their salutary endeavors to retain this Province out of its Dependence to those to whom this Province owes thanks for the Constitutional and Spiritual Measures pursued by them for the good of this Province. Voted that from this time we will have no committal or social conversation with those who at this time do refuse to contribute to the Relief of this abused Country especially those that import British Goods contrary to the Agreement of the Body of Merchants in Boston and elsewhere that we will not offend them our Customs but treat them with the utmost Respect and all those that countenance them. Voted that we will use our utmost Endeavors to prevent the Consumption of all Foreign Superfluities and that we will use our utmost Endeavors to promote and encourage our own Manufactures. Voted that the Town Clerk transmit a Copy of these votes of the Town to the Committee of Merchants of Inspection at Boston.

9 The Ninth Article was Propounded and Passed in the Affirmative.
10 The Tenth Article was Propounded and Passed in the Affirmative and the Meeting was Dissolved.

Aston February 4th 1770

Then were the Subscribers Laid out a High way to accommodate the Road in South beginning at the Corner of the fence at the Road that leads from Ephraim Hayward's to the Meeting House Near Mr Isaac Davis's Lane from thence to a Pitch Pine Tree Mark then to a gray oak Tree mark from thence to a heap of Stones then to a heap of Stones Near the ^{South Side} Corner of the Red m^d Swift's House at the Road that leads to the Meeting House. Said way is three rods wide and the Marks are on the Northerly Side of said way the Land for the above way was given by the Red m^d Swift and was accepted by the Town at the annual Meeting in March 1770.

William Edwards } Select men.
Eph^m Hapgood
Francis Faulkner

Aston February 4th 1770

Then were the Subscribers Laid out a way to accommodate Mr Titus Lewis and a Number of other People beginning at the Corner of the wall upon the North Side of the way that leads from the Lane to Concord between the two bridges a little below the Lane from thence on said wall as it now stands until it comes against a Red oak tree mark being on the South Side of said way from thence to a heap of Stones at the End of the Log fence from thence to the End of the wall to one said wall until it comes against Mr Samuel Wright's House then across the way that leads to said Wright's Watering Place to the Rail fence from thence as said fence stands to Concord line. Said way is Twenty feet wide and the Marks from where it begins are on the Northerly Side of said way until it comes against the said Red oak tree and from said tree to Concord line the Marks are on the Southerly Side of said way and said way is a bridge way so far as it goes through said Samuel Wright's Land the Land for the above way is given by Titus Lewis and Amos Tinsell & Samuel Wright.

William Edwards } Select men.
Eph^m Hapgood
Francis Faulkner

April 4th 1770

Then the Select men appointed a Town Meeting to be at the Meeting House in said Town on Monday 9th Day of this Instant April at Eight of the Clock in the morning to consider and determine on the following Articles.

- 1 To Chuse a Moderator to govern said Meeting
- 2 To see if the Town will agree to reconsider the vote that was taken in our last annual Meeting relating to the Making an Addition to the Meeting House
- 3 To see if the Town will agree to make an Addition to the Meeting House and display other vote that may be thought proper when Met relating to that affair
- 4 To see if the Town will agree to Dissolve the Committee that was Chosen at our last annual Meeting to repair the Meeting House and Chuse another Committee for said Purpose or add a Number of men to said Committee and give said Committee such Instructions as the Town shall think proper when Met

Acton April 4th 1770

at a General Town Meeting at the Meeting House it Being Legally warned as Appeared by the Returns of the Constables on their warrant. Deacon Jonathan Hosmer was Chosen Moderator and Proceeded as follows

- 2 The Second Article was Propounded and Passed in the Negative
- 3 The Third Article was Dismissed
- 4 it was Propounded Whether the Town will Dismiss the Longwall and its Officers in the Negative
- 4 voted that the Committee that has the Care of Repairing the Meeting House Make two new windows in the back End of the meeting House voted that the Committee take care of all the stuff that they shall take of from the Meeting House and Dispose of of the same to the best advantage they can for the Town.
- 5 voted that these men that once the Town shall have a sufficient number of the Old Labourers to Leth under the Gallies and the Meeting was Dissolved

Acton May 4th 1770

Then the Select men Appointed a Town Meeting to be at the Meeting House in said Town on Monday the Twenty Eighth Day of this Instant May at one of the Clock in the afternoon to Consider and Determine on the following Articles (viz)

- 1 To See if the Town will agree to Chuse a Representative
- 2 To Chuse a Moderator to Govern said Meeting
- 3 To See if the Town will agree to Make any Addition to the Meeting House and Pass any other Vote or Votes that may be thought Proper when Met Relating to that affair
- 4 To See How Much Money the Town will have to Repair the Meeting House and Defray the Necessary Charges that now or may arise the Present year within the same
- 5 To See How Much Money the Town will have to Support a Reading and writing School this Present year and Pass any other votes that may be thought Proper when met
- 6 To See if the Town will agree to Build a sufficient number of School House to become to the Town for School and Pass any other votes that may be thought Proper when met Relating to that affair and the same was committed to the Constables

Acton May 4th 1770

- at a General Town Meeting at the Meeting House it Being Legally warned as Appeared by the Returns of the Constables on their warrant Deacon Jonathan Hosmer was Chosen Moderator and Proceeded as follows
- 1 The First Article was Propounded and Passed in the Negative
 - 2 The Third was Propounded and Passed in the Negative
 - 3 it was Propounded Whether the Town will have Eighty Pounds to Repair the Meeting House and Defray the Necessary Charge for this Present year voted in the Affirmative
 - 4 it was Propounded Whether the Town will have Eighty Twenty Four Pounds to Support a Reading and writing School this Present year voted in the Affirmative
 - 5 also voted that the School be divided and money Proper as usual only Liberty to Expere one third of said money in a women School
 - 6 The sixth Article was Propounded and Referred to the Next annual Meeting and then the Meeting was Dissolved

Acton August 4th 30th 1770

Then the Select men Appointed a Town Meeting to be at the Meeting House in said Town on Monday the Twenty fourth Day of September Next at one of the Clock in the afternoon to Consider and Determine on the following Articles (viz)

- 1 To Chuse a Moderator to Govern said Meeting
- 2 To See if the Town will allow the Accounts that shall be laid before the Town at said Meeting by the Committee that was Chosen to Provide the stuff for to Repair the Meeting House also To See if the Town will allow the Accounts that shall be laid before the Town by the Committee that was Chosen to Repair said House and Pass any other votes that may be thought Proper when Met Relating to the settling the Accounts with said Committee
- 3 To See if the Town will agree to Rent the Meeting House and Pass any other vote that may be thought Proper when Met Relating to the settling said Meeting House and the same was committed to the Constables

Acton September 24th 1770

at a general Town Meeting at the Meeting House it being legally warned as appeared by the Return of the Constable on their warrant Deacon Jonathan Hosmer was Chosen Moderator and Proceeded as follows viz.

- 2 on the Second Article it was Propounded Whether the Town will Chuse a Committee to Examine and Settle the Accounts with the several Committees that was Chosen to Provide the Stuff and Repair the Meeting House voted in the affirmative and then the Town Made Choice of Ephraim Hapgood Francis Faulkner Simon Tuttle Daniel Brooks Ebenezer Hayward Simon Hunt and Lieut John Heald as a Committee to Examine and Settle the account also voted that said Committee Lay their Proceedings in said affair before the Town on Monday 22nd Day of October Next at two of the Clock in the afternoon in order for the Town to sit as they shall think proper on said affair to which time this meeting is adjourned.

- 3 it was Propounded Whether the Town will agree to Let the Meeting House voted in the affirmative also voted to Chuse a Committee to Let said House and the Town Made Choice of Lieut Belling Samuel Jones Ephraim Hapgood Simon Tuttle Lieut Heald Lieut Adams and Nathan Dexter to be a Committee said Purpose voted that said Committee have Regard to age and Day Looking Back three years on the Deal and Personal Estate also voted that said Committee Make Report of their Proceedings at the Next meeting

October 22nd 1770 Whereas the Town meeting on 24th of September last was Adjourned to this time the Being met Proceeded as follows

it was Propounded whether the Town will allow the accounts of the Committee that was Chosen to Provide the Stuff to Repair Meeting House as it was laid before the Town by the Committee that was Chosen to Examine and Settle the same voted in the affirmative and then it was Propounded whether the Town will allow the accounts of the other Committee that was Chosen to Repair said House one Article of which had been excepted in the affirmative

then it was Propounded whether the Town will allow the account which said Committee has now laid before the Town voted in the Negative and then it was Propounded whether the Town will allow that account that said Committee gave in to the Committee that was Chosen to Settle the same voted in the affirmative then it was Propounded whether the Town will accept the two votes that Passed in the affirmative relating to said Committee's accounts voted in the affirmative and then it was Propounded whether the Town will allow the whole of the account laid before the Town by said Committee and it Passed in the Negative then it was Propounded whether the Town will allow the account which said Committee laid before the Committee that was Chosen to Examine and Settle the same voted in the affirmative

- 3 the report of the Committee that was Chosen to Let the Meeting House was Read and accepted by a vote and the Meeting was Dismissed

November 23rd 1770

to an order to Lieut Belling for Nine Pounds four Shillings & four Pence it Being to Pay L^{ieut} Brook the money Borrowed of him for the Town

9-4-4

at the same time an order to Robert Cluff for Two Pounds eight Shillings it Being for the Pay for Stuff for the Meeting House 2-8-0

at the same time an order to Robert Cluff for one Pound eleven Shillings & four Pence it Being to Pay for Prizes and Sticks for the Meeting House 1-11-4

To an order to John Hayward for one Pound it for the Roman School in his Squadron £1-0-0

Acton January 4th 1771

To an order to Simon Tuller for Seventeen Shillings
it Being for Repairing Barkers Bridge to Lutter

£ 17:0

at the Same time an order to Robert Chaffin
for five Pounds five Shillings one Penny two farthings

£ 5:5:12

at the Same time an order to Samuel Jones for
three Pounds Eleven Shillings seven Pence
it Being for Stuff Provided for the Meeting House

£ 3:11:7

at the Same time an order to Nath Edwards
for one Pound sixteen Shillings & six Pence two
farthings it Being for his service as a constable
& providing stuff for the Repairing the Meeting House

£ 1:16:9 1/2

at the Same time an order to Josiah Maynard
for two Pounds three Shillings & three Pence it
Being for plank for Bridges in Town

£ 2:8:3

at the Same time an order to Lieut Billing for
two Pounds sixteen Shillings & six Pence it Being
for Suttering and Supporting the French Wall at
Concord

£ 2:16:6

February 4th 1770

To an order to Mr William Cullum for one Pound
Six Shillings & Eight Pence it Being for the weoman
School

£ 1:6:0

February 4th 1770

To an order to Capt Sam Hayward for Twelve Shillings
it Being for his service in Littering out the work of
the Meeting House

£ 12:0

To an order to Lieut Billing for Four Pounds
it Being for the School in his Squadron

£ 4:0:0

February 4th 1771

To an order to Francis Faulkner for two Pounds
Two Shillings it Being for Time and Money Spent
in the Town Service

£ 2:2:0

at the Same time an order for Epps Hapgood for
three Pounds it Being for the School in his
Society

£ 3:0:0

at the Same time an order to Lieut Billing
for one Pound nine Shillings it Being for
underpinning the Meeting House and his service
as Town Treasurer

£ 1:9:0

at the Same time an order to Simon Tuller
for one Pound five Shillings it Being for time
and Money Spent in the Town Service

£ 1:5:0

at the Same time an order to Epps Hapgood
for one Pound ten Shillings & Eight Pence
it Being for time and Money Spent in the
Town Service

£ 1:10:8

February 4th 1771

To an order to John Hayward for Four Pounds
it Being for the School in the South Part of
the Town

£ 4:0:0

March 4th 1771

To an order to Simon Husel. for two Do and Martin Shillings and four Pence being for the School in the Southwest Part of the Town 2.13.4

at the same time an order to James Barbers for Nineteen Shillings and Shew Pence & Pence for Boarding a Schoolmaster. To 19.11

Acton February 7th 1771

Then the Select men appointed a Town Meeting to be at the Meeting House in said Town on the first Monday of March next at Twelve of the Clock on said Day to consider and determine on the following Articles (viz)

- 1 To Chuse a Moderator to govern said meeting
- 2 To Chuse Town officers for the year ensuing
- 3 To see if the Town will agree to Build a Sufficient Number of School Houses to accommodate the Town for Schools and Pass any other votes that May be thought Proper when Met. Relating to this affair
- 4 To see what Method the Town will come into to Provide Rank for the Bridges in this Town this Present year
- 5 To see if the Town will agree to work at the High ways by a Rate this Present year as also To see How much Money the Town will Raise for said High ways and Pass any other votes that May be thought Proper when Met. Relating to this affair

- 6 To see if the Town will Discontinue the Bridge way from the East end of the Longway near Foster's Bridge so called to the Road that Leads from the same Hunts to the Meeting House as also to keep of a way laid out by the Select men from said Longway leading to the Return of said way at the Meeting
- 7 To see if the Town will Dispose of a Small Lot of Land to m^r Daniel Brooks lying in the Southwest Part of the Meeting House Lot by exchanging Land and Pass any votes that May be thought Proper when Met. Relating to that affair
- 8 To see if the Town will agree to Let the Swine Run at Large this Present year and the same was committed to the Constables

Acton March 4th 1771

at a general Town Meeting at the Meeting House in said Town being legally warned as appeared by the Return of the Constables on their warrants Capt. Samuel Hayward was Chosen Moderator for said Meeting and Proceeded as follows Article 1st Second Francis Faulkner was Chosen Town Clerk and Select men Simon Tuttle and Ephraim Haygood was Chosen Select men Amos Heath and Samuel Fitch was Chosen Constable Sam Wright and Samuel White was Chosen wardens of Select men was Chosen Overseers Nathaniel Edwards Select John Glad Mark White Daniel Brooks Lieut John Adams Josiah Hayward and Eschel Davis was Chosen Surveyors of High ways and lotations of the High way Rates But Billiey was Chosen Town Treasurer and m^r Mark White was Chosen Scales of weights and Measures Robert Cheppin and Ephraim Horner was Chosen Tithing men Samuel Jones and Saml. White were Chosen takers of Hoops and Staves Seth Brooks and Nathl. Faulkner were Chosen Surveyors of the Board of the Highways David Smith and William Barker was Chosen fence viewers Daniel Barker & Benjⁿ Brabcock was Hoopriggers John Hayward and Isaac Davis was Chosen Saw Knees all were then offered

3 It was Propounded whether the Town will Chuse a Committee to Divide the Town into Societies for School and Make a Center in each Society they voted in the affirmative and Josiah Hayward Nathaniel Edwison Lieut. John Heals Simon Fuller Francis Faulkner Capt Sam^l Hayward and Joseph Barker was chosen. a Committee for said purpose the Remains of the Article refered to the next May Meeting ^{it being} voted that the above Committee Make Report of their Proceedings to the Town at said May Meeting

4 if fourth articles refered to if next May Meeting

5 it was Propounded whether the Town will agree to work at the Highways by a rate this present year voted in the affirmative and then it was Propounded whether the Town will Chuse seventy Towns for said year voted in the affirmative and then it was voted that the above Do assist the Town for the above sum by the next year Invoice also voted that every person have liberty to work out their High way Rates at three Shillings p Day for a man and two Shillings p Day for one Pair of Oxen to last untill the first Day of September Next and two Shillings p Day for a man and two Shillings p Day for one Pair of Oxen and a last the Remains of the year

6 it was Propounded whether the Town will Discontinue the Bridle way from y^e East End of the Causway over the Foster Bridge to the Road at David Turbys. Voted in the affirmative also Propounded whether the Town will accept of a way laid out by the select men from said Causway according to the Return of said way voted in the affirmative

7 it was Propounded whether the Town will Exchange a small lot of Land lying on the East Side of the Town with Daniel Brooks for a Piece of Land lying near the Josiah Hayward's Horse Stable and the select men to Make the Bounds to said Land voted in the affirmative

8 it was Propounded whether the Town will agree to let the business Run at large this present year voted in the affirmative and the Meeting was Adjourned

May 10th 1771

Then the Select men appointed a Town Meeting to be at the Meeting House in said Town on Monday the Twenty seventh Day of this Instant May at one of the Clock in the afternoon to consider and Determine on the following articles (viz)

1 To be if the Town will agree to Chuse a Representative

2 To Chuse a moderator to govern said meeting

3 To be if the Town will agree to build a sufficient Number of School Houses to Accomodate the Town for Schools and Pass any other votes that May be thought proper when Met. Relating to that affair kept to this Meeting

4 To be what method the Town will come into to provide Dank for the Bridges in this Town this present year

5 To be if the Town will agree to help build the Bridge over the River at Mr Josiah Haywards and Pass any other votes that may be thought proper when Met. Relating to that affair

6 To be How much money the Town will to Defray the necessary charges that shall or may arise this present year within the same

7 To be How much money the Town will raise to Support a Reading and a writing School this present year and Pass any other votes that May be thought proper when met. Relating to a School or Schools

8 To be if the Town will agree to Chuse a Committee to Join with a Committee that may be Chosen by the Town of Littleton to make a Corner between Littleton and Acton at Wyford line and give said Committee such Instructions as the Town shall think proper

Acton May 27th 1771

at a general Town meeting at the Meeting House in said Town it being legally warned as appeared by the Returns of the Constables on their warrants and Proceeded as follows the first Article was Propounded and Voted in the Negative

2 Second Jonathan Haimen was Chosen Moderator to Govern said meeting and Proceeded as follows

3^d in the first Place it was Propounded Whether the Town will Pay for the School Houses that are already Built in the Town by Noticellus Persons in Case the Town Shall agree to have seven School Houses in the Town and it was voted on the affirmative and then it was voted to Build seven School Houses also voted that the four School Houses already Built in Case the owners shall Dispose of them to the Town and the Town and the Town shall Repair said Houses ¹⁷⁷¹ shall answer for four of the seven School Houses which the Town have agreed to Build also voted that the School Houses shall be Built in the several Parts of the Town agreeable to the Report of the Committee that was Chosen by the Town to make a Center in each Part also voted to Chose a Committee to Purchase the said four School Houses of the owners and Build thereat said School Houses and Capt Saml. Hayward Francis Featherer Capt Daniel Fletcher Lieut John Heald Daniel Brooks Nathl. Edwards and Robert Cheffin. was Chosen a Committee for said Purpose also voted that said School House be Built eighteen ^{feet} in Length and sixteen feet wide also voted that any of the Society have Liberty to Enlarge their School Houses upon their own Cost to Twenty feet Long and eighteen feet wide also voted that said School House be Sealed up to the Bottom of the windows and Plastered up to the eaves and over Head also Voted that there be made four windows to each House with Twelve Lights to a window 6 by 8 also voted that said Committee complete the Building and Repairing said School Houses in fifteen Months from this time

4 it was Propounded Whether the Town will agree that the Plank for the Bridge in the Town be Paid out of the Town Treasury voted in the affirmative

5 it was Propounded Whether the Town will Rebuild the Bridge over the River at m^r Joseph Haywards voted in the affirmative also voted to Chose a Committee to Let out the Building of said Bridge ~~over the affirmative~~ and m^r Samuel Jones Capt Daniel Fletcher and Lieut John Adams was Chosen a Committee a for said Purpose

6 it was Propounded Whether the Town will Raise Sixty Pounds to Defray the Wherry Charge in the Town this Present year voted on the affirmative

7 it was Propounded Whether the Town will Raise Twenty eight Pounds to Support a Reading and writing School this Present year voted in the affirmative

8 voted that the Select men be a Committee to Join with a Committee that is Chosen by the Town of Littleton to Erect a Corner between Littleton and Acton at offen Line and the meeting was Dissolved

To an order to Dr^r Huggood for four Pounds four Shillings it being paid for the Town Stock. - £ 4. 4. 0

To an order to Nehemiah Wheeler for one Shilling and four Pence it being for his service in Drumblake Lane

an order to Samuel White Dancer for three Pounds it being for his service in Keeping School.

Aston November 4th 1771

then the Select men appointed a Town Meeting to be at the Meeting House in said Town on Wednesday the thirtieth Day of this Instant November at three of the Clock in the afternoon to consider and determine on the following Articles

- 1 To have a moderator to govern said meeting
- 2 To see if the Town will agree to keep a Grammar School in this Town sum. part of this present year as also how much money the Town will raise for said School, or for any other uses that may be thought proper when met. relating to that affair and the same was committed to the Constable

Aston November 4th 1771

at a general Town Meeting at the Meeting House in said Town it being legally warned as appeared by the returns of the Constables on their warrants Deacon Jonathan Horner was chosen Moderator and Proceeded as follows viz

- 1 the second Article was dropounded and dismissed and the meeting was dissolved

February 24th 1772

To an order to En^l Hapgood for four Pounds thirteen Shillings & four Pence it being for the School in his society 4th 15 14th

at the same time an order to Lieut John Neal for two Pounds it being for Boarding the Schoolmaster and Perambulating same

at the same time an order to John Phil for two Pounds eight Shillings & eight Pence it being for his service in keeping School

at the same time an order to Simon Tuttle for two Pounds seventeen Shillings it being for time and money spent in the Towns service

at the same time an order to En^l Hapgood for three Pounds six Shillings & nine Pence it being for time and money spent in the Towns service

February 24th 1772 To an order to Francis Faulkner for three Pounds eleven Shillings it being money laid to the Town

at the same time an order to Francis Faulkner for four Pounds thirteen Shillings & four Pence it being for the School in the South-west Part of the Town

at the same time an order to Daniel Brooks for four Pounds thirteen Shillings & four Pence it being for the School in the Middle of the Town

at the same time an order to Lieut Billing for four Pounds thirteen Shillings & four Pence it being for the School in his Squadron

at the same time an order to Sam^l Jones for seven Shillings it being for sawing Plank for Bridges

at the same time an order to Daniel Brooks for nine Shillings & six Pence it being for Plank for Bridges

an order to Nathan Dexter for eighteen Shillings it being for Clothing Lydia Trichters Child

an order to Sam^l Wheeler for eighteen Shillings it being for Plank for Bridges

an order to Joseph Super for four Pounds thirteen Shillings & four Pence it being for his service in keeping School

Aston January 2nd 1775

then we the subscribers Laid out a short bit of way to accommodate Phillip Robbins Beginning at a heap of Stones at the left end of the lane way near Farters Bridge (people called) then to a heap of Stones & gravel Dig there to a heap of Stones at the end that leads from Simon Hunts to David Farbyshs said way is a Bridge way two rods wide and the Marks are on the North side of said way

En^l Hapgood } Selectmen
Franc Faulkner }

We the Subscribers Being Appointed a Committee to Divide the Town into several Parts and Propose a Center in each Part to Accomodate the Town for Schools and Housing met and Considered the affair in our Judgments we think it will best accomodate the Town to build one school House on a Corner of Land belonging to Keeschick Wheeler where the Road that Leads from Rachel Davis to the meeting House where it crosses the New County Road and another on the Road at or near the Corner of Oliver Jones wall near where the school House now stands one between m^r John Adams Jr and the Bridge that Leads to Capt. T. Chisholm the school House at Arabus will so called to remain where it now stands also the school House near Deacon Hild to remain where it now stands another to be built against m^r John Crayn's field upon the Road that Leads to the Meeting House the other Center at Procter Road so called near m^r Simon Tuttle but as there is a school House built by subscribers in that Part we think it best that that Society should agree where said school shall be kept if they like the Persons belonging to said Society are Josiah Piper Robert Cheffier the widow Cheffier John Hill Thomas Hays & David Barker Josiah Piper Jr Simon Tuttle William Barker Elison Sartwell Samuel Tuttle David Lamson John Lamson Nath^l Tuttle and the widow Temple we further Propose that in case the Town shall vote to build school House said Society have till the first of August next to settle said affair and if they shall not agree we Propose that said school House be built at the above Center at Procter Road

Acton May 4th 1771

Josiah Hayward
 David Hayward
 Nath^l Edwards
 John Hild Jr.
 Joseph Barker
 Fred. Leebner
 Simon Tuttle

Acton February 4th 1772

Then the Select men appointed a Town Meeting to be at the Meeting House in said Town on the first Monday of March next at Twelve of the Clock to Consider and Determine on the following articles (viz)

- 1 To Choose a Moderator for to govern said Meeting
- 2 To Choose Town officers for the year ensuing
- 3 To be if the Town will agree to allow the accounts of Joseph Hobbins and Josiah Mansfield that shall be laid before the Town at the Meeting or Pass any other vote that may be thought proper when met relating to said accounts
- 4 To be if the Town will allow the accounts of the Committee that was Chosen to Defend the Line between the Towns of Snow and Acton in a Law suit commenced against Meyer Wheeler by the Proprietors of said Snow that shall be laid before the Town or Pass any other vote that may be thought proper when met relating to said accounts
- 5 To be if the Town will agree to remove the school House that stands near Josiah Pipers to Procter Road so called or let said House remain where it now stands during the Towns Highways or Pass any other vote that may be thought proper when met
- 6 To be if the Town will agree to reconsider the vote that was passed in the last May Meeting relating to the Place where the school House for the Middle of the Town shall stand as also to be if the Town will agree that said school House shall be built upon the North Side of the way that Leads from the west End of the Town to the Meeting House near the corner of the m^r Swifts wall
- 7 To be if the Town will agree to work at the Highways by a Rate this present year as also to be how much Money the Town will raise for said Highways and Pass any other vote that may be thought proper when met relating to that affair
- 8 To be if the Town will discontinue a Part of the Highway that Leads from Capt. Davis to Littleton Road by a small Birch tree Mark on the North Side of

Said way in Land belonging to Micah Davis to said Littleton Road as also to be if the Town will agree to accept of a way laid out by the select men according to the Return of said way at the Meeting

9 To be if the Town will Discontinue the Bridle way that Leads by m^r Sam^l Wrights House to Concord and accept of said way as an open way agreeable to the Return of said way upon the Town Book of Records

10 To be if the Town will agree to let the Swine Run at Large this present year and the same was committed to the Constables

Acton. March y^d 2^d 1772

at a general Town Meeting at the Meeting House in said Town it being legally warned as appeared by the Return of the Constable ch. their warrants and Proceeded as follows: The first article was Propounded and is in the Negatives

1 Deced Jonathan Hosmer was Chosen Moderator to govern said Meeting

2 Francis Faulkner was Chosen Town Clerk and a select man. m^r Simon Fitts and m^r Eph^m Hapgood was Chosen select men and the select men was Chosen. Appoin John Hunt and Nathano Darlin was Chosen Constables Ephraim Hosmer and Lieut John Heald was Chosen wardains m^r William Cutting and m^r Sam^l White was Chosen Tythingmen Lieut Billing was Chosen Town Treasurer Robert Cheffin David Forbush Roger Wheeler Titus Law John Heald y^d Joseph Brabrook and m^r Mark White was Chosen surveyors of High ways and collector of the High way tax Seth Brooks and Nathl Faulkner was Chosen surveyors of Chaboards and Shingles m^r Mark White was Chosen Dealer of warts and Meggers Oliver Jones and Samuel White was Chosen buller of Hoops and Haves James Faulkner and Joseph Brabrook was Chosen fence severd Phillis Piper and John Davis Jun was Chosen Hogkives John Maynard was Chosen Inspector of f^{ish} and Informer of Deer

3 The third article was Dismiss

4 on the fourth article it was Propounded Whether the Town will Chaph. a Committee to examine the Accompt of the Committee that was Chosen to Defend the Towns Libel on How and action voted in the affirmative and Daniel Wood Ephraim Hosmer and Lieut John Heald was Chosen a committee for said purpose and the article was kept to next Meeting

5 It was Propounded whether the School House School Parish Depen shall remain where it now stands during the Term. Messer voted in the affirmative

6 The sixth article was Dismiss

7 it was Propounded whether the Town will work at the High ways by a Rate this present year voted in the affirmative and then it was Propounded whether the Town will raise Seventy Pounds to Repair said ways voted in the affirmative also voted that the Chaphors do Chaph the Town for the above Sum by the next years p^{ro}vide also voted that every Person Have Liberty to work out their High way Rate also voted that the wages for men oxen and carts be as usual that is three Shillings p^r Day for a man and two Shillings p^r Day for one Pair of oxen and a cart until the first Day of September next and two Shillings p^r Day for a man and two Shillings p^r Day for oxen and cart the Remain of the year

8 it was Propounded whether the Town will Discontinue a Part of the High way that Leads from Littleton Road to Capt Davis as it is set forth in the warrant voted in the affirmative and then it was Propounded Whether the Town will accept of the way as it is laid out by the select men according to the Return of said way voted in the affirmative

9 it was Propounded whether the Town will Discontinue the Bridle way that Leads by m^r Sam^l Wrights House to Concord and accept of said way as an open way agreeable to the Return of said way upon the Town Book of Records voted in the affirmative

10 Propounded whether the Town will agree to let the Swine Run at Large this present year voted in the affirmative and the Meeting was Dismiss

Acton May 1st 1772

Then the Selectmen appointed a Town Meeting to be at the Meeting House in said Town on Thursday the 21st Day of this Instant May at one of the Clock in the afternoon to Consider and determine on the following articles (viz)

- 1 To See if the Town will agree to Chuse a Representative
- 2 To Chuse a Moderator to govern said meeting
- 3 To See if the Town will accept of the School House that are already built in the Town and pay the owners for said House as they are Prized by m^r Jonathan Patch.
- 4 To See if the Town will agree to remove the School House that stands near m^r Josiah Pipers to Tricketts Head to let it or to any other Place that the Town shall think proper will best accommodate that Society or People any other vote or votes that may be thought proper when met relating to that affair
- 5 To See if the Town will allow the account of the Committee that was chosen to defend the line between the Towns of Howland and Acton in a law suit commenced against Moses Wheeler by the Proprietors of said Town that shall be laid before the Town or People any other vote that may be thought proper when met. Ref to this Meeting
- 6 To See if the Town will agree upon a new Place for the School House to stand for the Middle of the Town or People any other vote that may be thought proper when met relating to that affair
- 7 To See how much Money the Town will have to pay the necessary charges that have arisen or may arise this Present year within the same
- 8 To See how much Money the Town will have to support a Reading and a Writing School this Present year and People any other vote that may be thought proper when met relating to a school or schools and therefore was committed to the Consideration

Acton May 1st 1772

at a general Town Meeting at the Meeting House in said Town it being legally warned as appeared by the Returns of the Selectmen the Towns votes were as follows the first article was Propounded and passed in the Affirmative

- 2 Deacon Jonathan Hosmer was Chosen Moderator for Meeting
- 3 on the third article voted that the several owners of the School House that are already built in the Town have their Money for said School House out of the Town Treasury as they are Prized by m^r Jonathan Patch upon their giving up said House to the Town under their Hand said House are Prized as follows the School House at m^r Josiah Pipers at Fourteen Pounds Eight Shillings the School House at Strabury Hills Prized at fifteen Pounds fourteen Shillings and eight Pence the other House near Deacon Halls Prized at seven Pounds nine Shillings & four Pence
- 4 it was Propounded whether the Town will sign the fourth article voted in the affirmative
- 5 it was Propounded whether the Town will allow Capt Daniel Fletcher the sum of five Pounds Nineteen Shillings and four Pence for his Expence in time and money in defending the Town line between Howland and Acton in the last law voted in the affirmative and then it was Propounded whether the Town will allow Francis Faulkner the sum of five Pounds one Shilling & eight Pence for his time and money expended in the above affair and then it was Propounded whether the Town will allow to Capt Sam^l Hayward and Capt Daniel Fletcher & F^r Faulkner the sum of eleven Pounds sixteen Shillings & ten Pence it being for Money paid to Capt Stephen Hosmer for his services in attending the Survey between Howland and Acton voted in the affirmative and then it was Propounded whether the Town will allow Capt Sam^l Hayward the sum of thirty five Pounds twelve Shillings and seven Pence for his services and Money expended in said affair voted in the affirmative
- 6 it was Propounded whether the Town will Chuse a Committee to Pitch upon a new Place for the School House in the Middle of the Town voted in the affirmative and then it was Propounded whether the Town will Chuse a Committee for said purpose and said said Committee was chosen and

and Reported to the Town that they thought Best for
Said House built on the North Side of the High way
that Leads from the west End of the Town to the
Meeting House near the corner of the Kidn Swifts well
and then it was voted that said School House shall
be built at said Place agreeable to the Report of
said Committee

7 it was Propounded whether the Town will have one
Hundred and eighty three Pounds to Defray the
Highway Charges for this Present year voted in the
affirmative

8 it was Propounded whether the Town will have Twenty
eight Pounds to support a Reading and writing School
voted in the affirmative and the meeting was Adjourned

Acton February 17 1772

then we the Subscribers Laid out a Short Bel. of a
High way beginning at a small Birch tree mark
upon the North Side of the way that Leads from Capt
Sam^l Davis to Littleton Road (so called) then to
another tree then to a Gray Oak near a Gate Rock
then to a Birch tree then to a heap of Stone at
said Littleton Road said way is three Rods wide
and the Marks are on the Northerly Side of said way

Fre^d Faulkner } Select men
Eph^m Hapgood }

Acton December 4th 1772

then the Select men appointed a Town Meeting to be
at the Meeting in said Town on Monday the Twenty
first Day of this Instant December at Twelve of the
Clock on said Day to consider and determine on the
following articles first to Chuse a moderator

2 To see if the Town will agree to let of a Number of the
Inhabitants of the Northeast Part of this Town agreeable
to their Petition to the Grate and general Court to
be set of and incorporated into a Separate Town or
District or to pass any other vote that may be thought
Proper when met. Relating to those affairs

3 To see if the Town will agree to remove the School House
that stands near Mr Jonathan Pipers to the Center of the
Society or Chuse a Committee to give their Judgment
where said School House shall stand to accommodate
said Society or Pass any other vote that may be thought
Proper when met.

4 To see if the Town will agree that the School House that
is to be built near John Adams Jones shall stand in
the Center of that Society

5 To see if the Town will have the Letter of Correspondance
with the other Paper Directed to this Town by the Town
of Boston Relating to the Late Measures of the British
Administration in the violations of our Rights and
Privileges which will be communicated to the Town
at the meeting in order to act thereon as the Town
shall think Proper and the same was committed to
the Constable

Acton December 21 1772

at a general Town meeting meeting at the meeting House
it being legally warned as appeared by the Returns of
the Constable on their warrant. Passed as follows

1 Deacon Jonathan Hosmer was Chosen Moderator

2 it was Propounded whether the Second article shall be
Dismissed and it Passed in the Affirmative

3 it was Propounded whether said article shall be Dismissed
and it was voted in the Affirmative

4 it was Propounded whether said article shall be Dismissed
and it was voted in the Affirmative

5 it was Propounded whether the Town will Chuse a Committee
to consider the State of the Rights of the Colonists and
the violations of said Rights and Report a Draft of
such votes as they shall think Proper to the Town
and Passed in the Affirmative and Capt Daniel Fletcher
Francis Faulkner Deacon Jonathan Hosmer Sen^r John Brooks
Josiah Hayward Eph^m Hapgood Capt Sam^l Hayward Simon
Tuttle and Daniel Brooks was Chosen for said Purpose

and the Meeting was adjourned to Monday the Eighteenth Day of January Next at one of the Clock in the afternoon.

at a meeting of the freeholders and other votable Inhabitants of the Town of Andover Legally assembled on Monday the 18th Day of January 1773 by adjournment from the 1st Day of December Last to consider the State of the Rights of the Colonists and the violations and infringements of those Rights and report. a Draft of such votes as they may think best for the Town to come into Report in the words following

Taking into serious Consideration the alarming Circumstances of this Province relating to the violations of our Charter Rights and Privileges as we apprehend by the British Administration are of Opinion that the Rights of the Colonists Natural, Civil, Political and Civil are well stated by the Town of Boston and it is our Opinion the Taxing of us without our Consent the making the Governors of the Province and the Judges of the Superior Court Independent of the People and Dependant on the Crown by having their Salaries Paid by the Crown out of money extorted from us and Many other Instances of Infringements upon our said Charter Rights are Intolerable Grievances and Have a Direct tendency to overthrow our happy Constitution and bring us into a State of abject Slavery but we Have a Gracious Sovereign who is the Father of America as well as of Great Britain and as the man in Whom we Have Had no Confidence is removed from Before the throne and another in Whom we hope to have Reason to put Confidence placed in His stead we hope that our Petitions will be forwarded and heard and all our Grievances redress

voted acceptance of the above Report.
voted that as we Have no member in the House of Representatives we earnestly Recommend it to the Representative Body of this Province that you give your Support with a jealous Eye our Charter Rights and Privileges and that you use every Constitutionally Method to obtain.

the Relief of all our Grievances and that you strenuously Endeavour in such ways as you in your Wisdom think fit that the Hon^{ble} Judges of the Superior Court may Have their Support as formerly agreeable to the Charter of this Province
voted that the sincere Thanks of this Town be given to the Inhabitants of the Town of Boston for their spirited Endeavors to Preserve our Rights and Privileges in violation when threatened with Destruction

Andover January 17th 1773

To an order to Cap^t Daniel Fletcher for his Bond three Shillings it being the full of his account for his Service in defending the Line between Andover and

Andover £ 6:3:0

To an order to Lieut Billing for four Pounds it being for the school at Strabury Hill

£ 4:0:0

at the Same time an order to Fra^s Faulkner for four Pounds it being for the School in South West Part of the Town

£ 4:0:0

at the Same time an order to Simon Little for four Pounds it being for the School in the North Part of the Town

£ 4:0:0

at the Same time an order to Lieut Billing for fifteen Pounds fourteen Shillings & Eight Pence it being for the School House at Strabury Hill

£ 15:14:0

at the Same time an order to Lieut Billing to pay seven Pounds six Shillings & Eight Pence it being for the School House at Lieut Field's

£ 7:6:8

at the Same time an order to Lieut Billing for four Pounds seven Shillings & Six Pence it being for the School House near Tenah Tapers

£ 4:7:0

at the Same time an order to Joseph Barker for sixteen Pounds eighteen Shillings and Eight Pence it being for building a School House

£ 16:18:8

January 25th 1773

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to an order to John Hayward for sixteen pounds eight
teen shillings & eight Pence it being for building
a school House — £16:18:8

at the same time an order to Nath. Gaultner
for seventeen ~~pounds~~ shillings & four Pence
it being for the building a school House £17:1:4

at the same time an order to Ben^d Sam^l Hayward
for sixteen pounds eighteen shillings & eight Pence
it being for the building of a school House
£16:18:8

at the same time an order to Jacob Heald
for nine pounds eight shillings & four Pence
it being for making an addition to the school
House needed Heald £9:8:4

at the January 30 1773

to an order to Robert. Chapin for six shillings
and eight Pence it being for his service as a
Committee man in building school House
and for m^{rs} Patch: Drizing the school House
£0:6:8

February 1st 1773

To an order to Robert. Chapin for ~~ten~~ shillings & eight
Pence it being — £0:12:0

February 25th 1773

To an order to Luc^s Billing for fourteen shillings &
it being for his service as Town Treasurer £0:14:0

at the same time an order to Es^r Joseph. Hobbs for
five shillings and six Pence it being for plank for a
Bridge £0:5:6

at the same time an order to Es^r Hapgood for one
pound nine shillings it being for time and money
spent in the Town service — £1:9:0

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an order to Simon Tuttle for ten shillings & eight Pence
it being for time and money spent in the Town service
£0:10:8

Acton February 12 1773

Then the Select men. appointed a Town Meeting to be
at the Meeting House in said Town on the first Monday
of March next at one of the clock in the afternoon
to consider and determine on the following articles

- 1 to Chuse a Moderator to govern said meeting
- 2 To Chuse Town officers for the year ensuing
- 3 To be if the Town will agree to work at the High way
by a Vote this Present year as also to be how much money
the Town will raise to repair said ways and to pass any
other votes that may be thought Proper when Met. Relating
to that affair
- 4 To be if the Town will agree to Pay to m^r Josiah Mansfield
six Dollars for his service in letting out the work of
the Meeting House and to pass any vote that may be thought
Proper when met
- 5 to be if the Town will agree to accept of a High way laid
laid out by the Select men by Dunson Brooks according
to the Return of said way at the Meeting
- 6 to be if the Town will agree to move the school House
that stands near John Kelams par to the Center of that
Society or to pass any other votes that May be thought Proper
when Met. Relating to that affair
- 7 To be if the Town will agree to let the shire man at
Large this Present year and the same was committed
to the Constables

Uxore March 4th 1773

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at a general Town Meeting at the Meeting House
in said Town at being legally warned as appeared
by the Returns of the Constables on their warrants
Provided as follows: Doct^r Daniel
Hitcher was Chosen Moderator

2 Fra^s Fauthner was Chosen Town Clerk, Fra^s Fauthner
John Healds and Ephraim Hapgood was Chosen
Select men and Ephraim Oliver Jones and Benjamin
Brabrook was Chosen Constables Robert Chyffin was
Accepted a Constable by the Town and sworn in the
Room of the said Ben^y Brabrook, David Brooks
and Thomas Hoge was Chosen wardens Josiah Haysward
Cap^t Sam^l Hayward Ammi Fauthner Tho^s Hoge Sam^l
Fitch John Healds and Samuel White was Chosen
Surveyors of High ways and collectors of the High
way rate Francis Barber and Timothy Brooks
was Chosen Tithing men LEO Billing was Chosen
Town Treasurer Mark White was Chosen Scaler of
weights and Measures Nath^l Fauthner and Seth was
Chosen Surveyors of Plaboard and Shingles Sam^l
Jones and Sam^l White was Chosen Lullers of Hoops
and Staves Isaac Davis was Chosen Performer of Beer
John Hayward was Chosen Inspector of the Fifth James
Fauthner and Chas^r Bartisell was Chosen Fenceviewers
David Davis and Samuel Piper was Chosen Hogthives

3 it was Propounded whether the Town will work at the
High way by a rate this Defect year voted in the
affirmative also voted Eighty Pounds to Repair said
ways also voted that Every Person have Liberty to work
out their High way and that the wages for man and
team and the Manner of working be the same that
it was the Last year voted that the Select men Make
the High way rate by the Last year's Proviso Tax
and money

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it was Propounded whether the Town will accept
of the High way laid out by the Select men by
Judson Brooks according to the Return of said way
Voted in the affirmative

4 it was Propounded whether the Town will Pay to Joseph
mensfield Six Dollars for his Service in Liking out the
work of the meeting House and it Voted in the Negative

6 it was Propounded whether the Town will Chuse
a Committee to see where the Center is for the School
in the Society Mentioned in this article and Report to
the Town their Proceedings thereon voted in the
affirmative and LEO Jonesth Billing Eph^m Hapgood
and John Heald was Chosen for the above purpose

7 Voted that the Swine Run at Large this Defect year
and the meeting was Dispensed

February 26 1773

To an order to John Hunt for three Pounds it being
Jonathan Fuller at Marlborough. £ 3:0:0

To an order to Fra^s Fauthner for Eight Pounds it being
for time and money spent in the Town
Service £ 8:0:0

March 4th 1773

To an order to Nathan Parlin for Two Pounds Eight
Shillings it being to Pay the Support of Jonathan
Fuller at Marlborough £ 2:8:0

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Acton May 4th 1773

- Then the Select men appointed a Town Meeting to be at the Meeting House in said Town on Wednesday 19th Day of May current at one of the Clock in the afternoon to Consider and Determine on the following Articles
- 1 To See if the Town will agree to Chuse a Representative
 - 2 To Chuse a Moderator to Govern said meeting
 - 3^{ly} To See how much Money the Town will Raise to Defray the necessary Charges that have arisen or shall arise this Present year within the same
 - 4^{ly} To See how much Money the Town will Raise to Support a Reading and a writing School this Present year and also any other votes that may be thought proper when Met Relating to a School or Schools
 - 5^{ly} To See if the Town will accept of the Persons who have been the Select men have Taken Down to Serve on the Petit Juris at the Superior and Inferior Courts as they may be called for from time to time
 - 6 To Hear the Report of the Committee that was Chosen to See where the Center for the School House in Deacon Brooks Society is as also To See if the Town will Move said School House from where it now stands
 - 7 To See if the Town will Abate the on half of m^r Nathan Dexters Minstres Rate for year 1771 for Reason he may give at the Meeting
 - 8 To See if the Town will free m^r Daniel Brooks from Highway Rates untill the Town shall Give him away to meeting

Acton May 4th 19th 1773

- at a General Town Meeting at the Meeting House in said Town it being legally warned as Appeared by the Returns of the Constables on their warrants on the forth Article it was Propounded whether the Town will Chuse a Representative and it Passed in the Negative
- 2 Deacon Jonathan Horner was Chosen Moderator to Govern said meeting
 - 3^{ly} it was Propounded whether the Town will Raise Eighty Pounds to Defray the necessary Charges that have arisen or shall arise this Present year voted in the affirmative

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- 4^{ly} it was Propounded whether the Town will Raise Twenty Eight Pounds to Support a Reading and a writing School this Present year voted in the affirmative and then it was voted that each Society shall Raise Twenty Shillings out of the above sum for a weoman School
 - 5^{ly} the List of the Persons to serve on the Petit Juris was read before the and accepted
 - 6 It was Propounded whether the Town will Move the School House in Deacon Brooks Society and it Passed in the Negative
 - 7 voted an Abatement of 0:9:3 of m^r Nathan Dexters Rates for year 1771
 - 8 voted the Abatement of Daniel Brooks Highway Rate for this Present year and then the Meeting was Adjourned

Acton January 4th 1774

Then the Select men appointed a Town Meeting to be at the Meeting House in said Town on Monday 17th Day of this Present January at one of the Clock in the afternoon to Consider and Determine on the following Articles (viz)

- 1 To Chuse a Moderator for to Govern said meeting
- 2 To Hear the Letter and other Papers Directed to this Town from the Committee of Correspondance at Boston with a Duty to be Paid upon its being Landed by an Act of the British Parliament and to Act there on as the Town shall think proper when Met
- 3^{ly} To See what Method the Town will Come into to Support Lydia Prater
- 4^{ly} To See if the Town will Agree to Abate Part of the Rates of Daniel Shepard for the year 1772 for Reason that shall be Given at the Meeting
- 5 To See if the Town will Abate Part of the Rates of the Town of Concord a new one for the year 1772 for Reason that shall be Given at the Meeting
- 6^{ly} To See if the Town will Agree to build a House to Support the Poor in that case or may become Chargeable to this Town and if any other Vote that may be thought proper when Met

Aston January 17th 1774

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at a General Town Meeting in Said Town of Aston it being
legally warned as appeared by the Returns of the Constables on
their warrants Lieut John Heald was Chosen Moderator and Proceeded
as follows

- 24th it was Propounded whether the Town will sit on said Article voted
in the Affirmative and then it was voted that Mr Joseph. Heyward
mark White Jason Brooks Francis Faulkner and Cap Daniel Fletcher
be a Committee to make a Draft of some Resolves relating to this
Article and Report to the Town at the next Annual Meeting
- 34th voted that Mr John Emery House four shillings a week to support Lyden
Proctor until the next Annual Meeting
- 44th the fourth Article was Propounded and Passed in the Affirmative
- 54th the fifth Article was Propounded and Passed in the Negative
- 64th the sixth Article Ref^d to the next Annual Meeting

Aston February 1st 1774

then the select men appointed a Town Meeting to be at the meeting House
in Said Town on the first Monday of March that at Twelve of the
Clock on said Day to Consider and determine on the following Articles

- 1 To Chuse a Moderator for to Govern said meeting
- 24th To hear the Report of the Committee that was Chosen at our last Town
meeting to former Resolves to lay before the Town at this meeting relating
to the East India Company sending their Tea to the Port of Boston subject
to a Duty to be laid upon its being landed by an Act of the British
Parliament and let them on as the Town shall think Proper when met
- 34th To Chuse Town officers for the year ensuing
- 44th To see if the Town will agree to move the School House that stands near
Mr Joseph Pipers according to the Report of the Committee that was
Chosen to agree upon the Center for the School in the Town or grant
to Samuel Fitch and a Number of his Neighbours who think themselves
Injured by to remove from any School so much money yearly as they pay
to the School to be expended in their Neighbourhood in schooling
- 54th To see if the Town will agree to complete the fencing of the Burying
Place including those Persons that live in the North East Part of this
Town from paying any of the Burys who have been at the Expence
of fencing a Burying Place in that Part of the Town and Ref^d any
other vote that may be thought Proper when Met relating to that
Affair
- 64th To see if the Town will agree to work at the Highways by a Rate this
Present year as also to show much money the Town will raise to repair
said ways and Ref^d any other votes that may be thought Proper when
met relating to that Affair

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24th To see if the Town will continue the High way that is laid out and
accepted from Mr Joseph Pipers land to the Road that leads by Jonathan
Hornes to the Meeting House and accept of a way laid out by the
Select men to Accomodate Mr Joseph Pipers Joseph Pipers Jun and Shelly
Piper to meeting according to the Return of said way

- 34th To see if the Town will agree to build a House to support the Poor in
that are or may become a Charge to this Town or Ref^d any other votes
that may be thought Proper when met Ref^d to this meeting
- 44th To see if the Town will agree to let the Divine Service be held on the
Present year and the same was committed to the Constables

Aston March 1st 1774

at a General Town Meeting at the Meeting House in Said Town it being
legally warned as appeared by the Returns of the Constables on their
warrants Cap Daniel Fletcher was Chosen Moderator and Proceeded
as follows (was)

- 24th the Report of the Committee that was Chosen at the Town Meeting to
former Resolves was read and accepted by a unanimous vote
- 34th Francis Faulkner was Chosen Town Clerk and a Select man Ruf^s John
Heywood and Ephraim Heywood was Chosen Select men and the select
men was Chosen Eph^r John Faulkner and John Heald was Chosen
Constables Amos Faulkner and Joseph Brabrook was Chosen Wardens
Lieut Jonathan Billing was Chosen Town Treasurers Hezekiah Wheeler
Benjⁿ Brabrook John Hunt Sam^l Wright David Brooks John Brown
and Simon Tuttle was Chosen Surgeons of High ways and Collectors
of the High way Rate Mark White was Chosen Staler of waste and
Measuror Roger Wheeler and Breck Heald was Chosen Fence Viewers Samuel
White and David Brooks was Chosen Sutting men Samuel Jones Jun
and John Heald was Chosen Cullers of Hoops and Staves Robert
Cheffin and Daniel Davie was Chosen Surveyors of Bowditch Street
Hezekiah Wheeler was Chosen Deer keep John Heyward Eph^r Joseph
George Robbins and James Davie was Chosen Hay keepers
- 44th on the fourth Article voted that Samuel Fitch David Lamson John
Lamson William Johnson and the widow Temple shall receive so much
money yearly for a School as they pay to the school rate
- 54th it was voted to complete the fencing of the Burying Place including
those Persons in the North Part of the Town who have fenced a Burying Place
and also Billings upon her building a good Gate voted that a Committee for said
Problems Sam^l Hunt and Joseph Barker be a Committee for said
purpose said Committee to complete said fence with a good fence water
by the last Day of September next voted that said Committee shall
deliver a Bill of the Charge that shall be due for fencing the Burying
Place to the Select men and the Select men do accept of the same for the same

64th it was Propounded whether the Town will work at the High way by a Rate voted in the Affirmative and then it was Propounded whether the Town will Raise Eighty Pounds to Repair said High way voted in the Affirmative and then it was voted that the Select men and Town shall be as usual and that the Select men shall pay the Town for the Abatement by the last year's notice

64th it was Propounded whether the Town will Discontinue the Road from Joseph Dyer's Land to the Road leading by Joseph's House and then it was Propounded whether the Town will Buy of a the way laid out by the Select men to Accomodate the Dyer's votes in the Affirmative

64th the Article kept to the Next May Meeting

64th Voted that the Town shall at Large the next year and the

February 1774

To an order to Joseph Dyer for three Pounds being for his service in keeping School. 3:0:0

To an order to Ezekiel Davis for one Pound four Shilling it being for his supporting Sam Harris & family £1:11:0

To an order to John Davis for one Pound it being for his wife's service in keeping School 1:0:0

To an order to Luth Head for two Pounds nine Shilling & five Pence it being for time and money spent in the Town service 2:9:4

To an order to Luth Head for four Pounds it being for the School in his school room 4:0:0

To an order to Ely Huggood for three Pounds seven Shilling it being for time and money spent in the Town service 3:7:0

To an order to Nathl. Faulkner for two Pounds it being for the use of the School in his school 2:0:0

To an order to Capt Samuel Hayward for three Pounds it being for the School 3:0:0

To an order to Sarah Parker for eight Shilling it being for supporting Lydia Proctor 0:8:0

To an order to Seth Billing for four Pounds it being for a school 4:0:0

To an order to William Barker for four Pounds it being for his services in keeping School 4:0:0

To an order to Jones Parker for ten Shilling it being for supporting Lydia Proctor 0:10:0

To an order to John Hunt for three Pounds it being for a school 3:0:0

To an order to Capt Samuel Hayward for one Pound one Shilling & eight Pence it being for carrying Sam Harris and his family to Fitchburgh 1:1:8

Acton February 9th 1774

then so the Subscribers laid out a way to Accomodate Joseph Dyer & Joseph Dyer's Beginning at the corner of Joseph Dyer's Land then to the corner of Philip Dyer's Land from thence to a walnut tree then to a Black oak tree then to a White Pine then to a corner of a wall and on said wall to the Road that leads by Mr Joseph Barker's then as the Road goes to the corner of the widow Lathams Brook then to the corner of the Road that leads from Capt Sam Hayward to the meeting House also a short bit of a way to Accomodate Philip Dyer Beginning at a Stake at said Philip Dyer's Land from thence to a walnut tree then to a walnut tree then to said white Pine above mentioned said way are bridled ways through Joseph Barker's Land and two Rods wide and the marks are on the South and South easterly side of said way said Barker to keep but two Pair of Bars or gates on said bridled way

John. Head jun.
Ely. Huggood
Faulkner } Select men

Acton. May 15th 1774

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Then the select men appointed a Town Meeting to be at the meeting house in said Town on Friday 18th Day of this Instant May at one of the Clock in the afternoon to Consider and Determine on the following articles (viz)

- To be if the Town will agree to Chuse a Representative
- 2^{ly} To Chuse a Moderator for to govern said meeting
- 3^{ly} To be if the Town will agree to Chuse a Committee to appear at the Grete and General Court on the second Thursday of the Next Session of the said General Court to shew cause why the Prayer of a Petition of Jeremiah Wood of Stow may not be granted a Copy of which will be laid before the Town at the meeting
- 4^{ly} To be if the Town will agree to Depute the select men of the Town of Stow for refusing to Demarcate and Renew the Bound between the Towns of Stow and Acton and Pass any vote that that may be thought Proper when Met. Relating to that Affair
- 5^{ly} To be How much money the Town will Raise to Defray the Expary Charges that Shall Arise on may Arise this Present year within the same
- 6 To be How Much money the Town will Raise to Support a Reading and a Writing School this Present year and Pass any other votes that may be thought Proper when met. Relating to a School or Schools
- 7^{ly} To be if the Town will agree to Omit the Minister Rates of John Robbins and others for this Present year for Reasons that will be Laid before the Town in their Petition at the meeting
- 8 To be if the Town will Come into any Method to Samuel Titch and others Lately Relating to their School or Pass any votes that shall be thought Proper when Met
- 9^{ly} To be if the Town will Abate the Rates of Titch Lacy by Reason of his House being consumed by fire
- 10 To be if the Town will agree to Build a House to Support the Poor in that are or may become Chargeable to this Town or Pass any other votes that may be thought Proper when met Ref to the meeting

Acton. May 15th 1774

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at a general Town Meeting at the meeting House in said Town it being Legally warned as appeared by the Returns of the Constables on their warrants Proceeded as follows

- 1st Josiah Hayward was Chosen Representative
- 2^{ly} Deacon Jonathan Horner was Chosen Moderator
- 3^{ly} it was Propounded whether the Town will Chuse a Committee to appear at the General Court on the second Thursday of the Next Session of the said Court to shew cause why the Prayer of a Petition of Jeremiah Wood of Stow should not be granted voted in the Affirmative and Messrs Josiah Hayward sen. Ephraim Hayward were Chosen for said Purpose
- 4^{ly} it was Propounded whether the Town will Depute the select men of Stow for refusing to Demarcate the Line between the Towns of Stow and Acton voted in the Affirmative
- 5^{ly} voted 25 Pounds to Defray the Expary Charges in this Town this Present year
- 6 voted 20 Pounds to Support a Reading and a writing School this Present year and that the several Societies have Liberty to Expere one Quarter of the above sum in a New man School
- 7^{ly} it was Propounded whether the Town will Omit the Minister Rates of John Robbins and others this Present year and it Passed in the Negative
- 8^{ly} it was Propounded whether Deacon Thomas Barret Capt Jonathan Reed and Mr James Barret jr shall be a Committee to view the Circumstances of the Society to which Mr Josiah Titch belongs relating to their School and Give the Town their Judgment at the next Town Meeting where their School shall be kept to Accomodate the whole of that Society voted in the Affirmative
- 9^{ly} Propounded whether the Town will Abate the Rates of Mr Titch Lacy this Present year and it Passed in the Negative
- 10^{ly} Ref to the Next Annual Meeting

Acton April 4th 1774

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we Euse Jewett Oliver Hoar Simon Docter appointed a Committee by the Select men of Littleton to Perambulate and Renew the Bounds Between Littleton and Acton Ephraim Haggood and Robert Chaffin appointed by the Select men of Acton to Renew the Bounds Between Acton and Littleton and we began at the Most Easterly Corner of Littleton adjoining on below in wefford Line and there we Renewed a Stake and heap of Stones from thence to a heap of Stones on the Nor. Easterly Side of Haycock Pond from thence across said Pond to a heap of Stones called Agghoba Corner from thence to a head Oak tree on the Easterly Side of the road that leads from Littleton to Acton meeting House which tree was blown up by the Moats and we Laid up a Heap of Stones in the Place from thence to a white oak tree from thence to a heap of Stones on a Rock from thence to a heap of Stones on a ledge of Rocks from thence to a white Oak tree by a Grates Rock Northwily of Robert Chaffins House from thence to a white Oak stump the tree being cut Down and we Laid a heap of Stones on the stump from thence to a black Oak tree from thence to a white Oak tree on the Easterly Side of Port Pond brook

we the Subscribers Agreed to Renew the Bound, Above Mentioned

Euse Jewett
Oliver Hoar
Simon Docter

Appointed by
the Select men
of Littleton

Ephraim Haggood
Robert Chaffin

Appointed by the
Select men of
Acton

Acton April 4th 1774

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we the Subscribers Being appointed by the Towns of Shelburne and Acton to Perambulate the Lines and Renew the Bounds Between said Towns this may Certify that we have Performed that Service and no Dispute did arise Between us About the Same

Joseph Warrag
Dablon Spalden

Committee for
Shelburne

John Heald
John Heywood

Committee for
Acton

Acton April 4th 1774

then we the Subscribers met and Perambulated the Town Line and Renewed the Bounds Between the Towns of Belliere and Acton

James Foster
Wm. Pallen

Committee for
Belliere

Hezekiah Whalen
John Heald Jr.

Committee
for Acton

Acton August 4th 1774

we the Subscribers Select men of the Towns of Stow and Acton met on the Day of the above Date and Completed the Perambulating the Line Between said Towns

Jonathan Hobb
Jonathan Haggood

Select men of Stow

Eph^m Haggood
Fre^d Hawthorne
John Heywood

Select men of Acton

Concord April 4th 1774

we the Subscribers Select men of the Towns of Concord and Acton Did on the Day of the above Date Perambulate the Line Between the said Towns and Renewed the Bounds as Described in the Book of Records in each of the Towns Above Mentioned:

Ephraim Hobb
Arthur Meriam

Select men of
Concord

Fre^d Hawthorne
John Heywood

Select men of
Acton

Acton Sept: 17th 1774

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Then the select men appointed a Town Meeting to be at the Meeting House in said Town on Monday the 3rd Day of October Next at one of the Clock in the afternoon to consider and determine on the following Articles

- 1 To See if the Town will agree to Chuse a Representative
- 2 To Chuse a Moderator for to govern said meeting
- 3^{ly} To Chuse a Delegates to Set in the Provincial Congress to be held at Concord on the Second Tuesday of October Next
- 4^{ly} To See if the Town will agree to Chuse a Committee of Correspondence

Acton October 17th 1774

at a General Town Meeting at the Meeting House in said Town it being legally warned as appeared by the Returns of the Constables on their Notifications in Josiah Hayward was Chosen Representative

- 2^{ly} Capt. Samuel Hayward was Chosen Moderator
- 3^{ly} Francis Faulkner and Ephraim Haggood was Chosen Delegates to attend the Provincial Congress to be held at Concord on the Second Tuesday of October Instant
- 4^{ly} Ephraim Haggood Francis Faulkner John Hayward Mark White and Capt. Samuel Hayward was Chosen a Committee of Correspondence for this Town and the Meeting was Adjourned

Acton November 28th 1774

Then the select men appointed a Town Meeting to be at the Meeting House in said Town on Monday the 3rd Day of December Next at one of the Clock in the afternoon to consider and determine on the following Articles

- 1 To Chuse a Moderator for to govern said Meeting
- 2^{ly} To See if the Town will agree to Raise for the use of this Province a sum of Money Equal to the sum that is Set in the Tax Bill for this Town to Pay this Present year and order where the Constables shall Pay in said money

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and Defend and Save Harmless the Officers of this Town for their not Making a Return of a Province Rate this Present year to Harrison Gray Esq. and Pass any other votes that may be thought proper which Met Relating to said affair

- 3^{ly} To See if the Town will agree to make void the Covenants that was signed by the Inhabitants of this Town to Trade of Trade with Great Britain and Agree to and Comply with the Association of the Continental Congress which will be laid before the Town at the Meeting
- 4^{ly} To See if the Town will agree to Chuse a Committee to Drive the Minute men in this Town

Acton December 17th 1774

at a General Town Meeting at the Meeting House in said Town it being legally warned as appeared by the Returns of the Constables

- 1st Capt. Samuel Hayward was Chosen Moderator
- 2^{ly} it was Propounded whether the Town will Raise Twenty five Pounds Ten Shillings and Ten Pence for the use of the Province and it was voted in the affirmative also voted that the Constables Do Pay in the said sum of 25^l 10^s 10^d to the Treasurer of this Town and that said money be paid out by order from the select men also voted that this Town will Defend and Save Harmless the Officers of this Town for their not Make any Return of the Province Rate to Harrison Gray Esq. this Present year
- 3^{ly} voted that the Covenants that is signed by the Inhabitants of this Town to Trade of Trade with Great Britain be void and that this Town Do agree to the Association of the Continental Congress also voted that a Committee be Chosen to Settle the Inhabitants of this Town Do Sign their Compliance to the Association of the Continental Congress and Return the Names of those Persons that Refuse to sign to the Committee of Correspondence all the males to sign above the age of sixteen years and Capt. Samuel Hayward Dr. Francis Faulkner Just Billing Josiah Hayward John Heald Jr. Joseph Hobbins and Simon Tuttle was Chosen a Committee for that Purpose
- 4^{ly} the fourth Article was Denied

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Acton, December 29th 1774

Then the select men appointed a Town meeting to be at the Meeting House in said Town on Wednesday the fourth Day of January next at one of the Clock in the afternoon to Consider and Determine on the following articles viz.

- 1st To Chuse a Moderator for to govern said meeting
- 2^d To be if the Town will agree to Chuse a Delegate to represent them in the Provincial Congress to be held at Cambridge the first Day of February next
- 3^d To be if the Town will agree to Chuse a Committee of Inspection to be that the Hypothesis of the Continental Congress in Particular the Application of said Congress be strictly observed in the Town.
- 4th To be if the Town will agree to accommodate in Samuel Fitch and his neighbors with a School and Pass any other vote or votes relating to the School in his Society that may be thought proper when met.
- 5th To be if the Town will agree to raise a sum of money to pay the minutemen that shall enlist themselves as such in this Town for their Service in learning the Military art agreeable to the advice of the Congress or Pass any votes that may be thought proper when met relating to that affair
- 6th To be if the Town will agree to pay to David Hayward the sum of money that was estimated as Damages to him for the County Road that was laid out and accepted through his Land in Acton last May
- 7th To be if the Town will agree to abate the Rates of David Lamson for two years past by Reason of Extreme Poverty

Acton January 4th 1775

at a General Town Meeting at the Meeting House in said Town it being legally warned as appeared by the Returns of the Constables

- 1 Capt Samuel Hayward was Chosen Moderator
- 2^d in Josiah Hayward was Chosen a Delegate to represent this Town in the Provincial Congress to be holden at Cambridge the first Day of February next

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it was Propounded whether the Town will Chuse a Committee of Inspection voted in the affirmative as Lieut Billing Capt Samuel Hayward Lieut John Shedd Josiah Piper Sen Brooks Joseph Robbins and Francis Faulkner was Chosen a Committee for said Purpose

4th it was Propounded whether the Town will Build a School House to accommodate Samuel Fitch and others voted in the Affirmative also voted that the select men do Propagate the Children of families to said School also voted that the select men

6th Propounded and Rejected in the Negative

7th voted that the Rates of David Lamson for his Poll for the year 1773 be abated and the Meeting was adjourned to Wednesday 18th Instant at two of the Clock in the afternoon in order to act on the 6th article

Acton January 4th 1775 the Town being met again to adjournment Proceeded as follows first it was Propounded whether the Town will raise a sum of money to pay the minutemen in this Town voted in the affirmative also voted to pay thirty minutes men if so many shall enlist eight Pence per Day twice in a week they to spend in Exercising three Hours in each Day untill the first Day of May next also voted that any man that does not attend his Duty on said Days for Exercise within Half an Hour of the time Perfected shall not be entitled to any Pay for that Day and the meeting was Adjourned

Acton February 4th 1775

To an order to Lucy Cutting for one David Sax Melling's Eight Pence it being for her Service in keeping School

To an order to Lieut Billing for Town Bonds it being for the School in this Society

February 4th 1775

To an order to Lieut Billing for Melling's Day Do^r Melling for attending Jonathan Fuller

To an order to Francis Faulkner for four Pounds for the School in his Society

February 29 1776

To an order to Capt Hayward for fifteen shillings it being for his expenses in the Committee of Correspondence at Sudbury and supporting Lydia Proctor

to an order to John. Reed for five shillings & four pence it being for his services in Perambulating and warning Citizens during Town meeting

To an order to Capt Hayward for four pounds it for the School in his Society

February 13th 1777

Then the select men appointed a town meeting to be at the Meeting House in said Town on the first Monday of March next at one of the clock in the afternoon to consider and determine on the following articles

1st To Chuse a Moderator for to govern said meeting

2nd To Chuse Town officers for the year ensuing

3rd To see if the Town will accept of a High way to accomodate Sam^l Fitch and others to go to Daniel Davies' mill according to the return of said way at the meeting

4th To see if the Town will agree to work at the High ways by a rate this present year as also to see how much money the Town will raise to repair said High ways and pass any votes that may be thought proper when met relating to that affair

5th To see if the Town will agree that m^r Oliver Jones shall pay what is due from him as Constable for 4 years 1773 to the Province, to the Treasurer of this Town and defend him for not paying said money to Harrison Gray Esq^r

6th To see if the Town will omit the rates of John Emery and others for the year past for reason that will be said before the Town at the meeting

7th To see if the Town will agree to let the shires run at Large this present year

March 6th 1776

At a general Town meeting being legally warned as appeared by the returns of the Constables on their Hollifications the Town. Decided as follows Capt Sam^l Hayward was chosen Moderator Francis Faulkner was chosen Town Clerk and a select men John Heywood and Eph^m Hapgood was chosen select men Silas Bonant and Sam^l Noyes was chosen Constables Oliver Jones & Benj^m K. abrook was chosen wardians, Hather Edwards & Samuel Jones Jun. was chosen Tithing men, Luc^s Billing was chosen Town Treasurer, D^r John Smith, Nathan Parlin, Capt Sam^l Hayward and Sam^l Jones with ^{the} ~~the~~ John Brooks were chosen surveyors of High ways, marsh White was chosen, scales of weights and measures George Robbins and Daniel Davies was chosen fence viewers Sam^l White and Sam^l Jones was chosen Cutters of Hoops and Staves Daniel Davies and Joseph Noyes Jun. was chosen Surveyors of Clubboard and Shingles, John Shepard and Luk^s Brown chosen Hog Reeves

By the third Article was Propounded and Passed in the affirmative 4th voted to work at the High way by a rate this present year also voted the sum of forty pounds to repair said High ways voted that the price for work be as usual and that the Assessors make the High way rates by the last years Invoice and that the Surveyors be Collectors of said rate

5th Voted that Oliver Jones pay his arrears of the Province rate to the Treasurer of this Town and that this Town will indemnify him for not paying said money to Harrison Gray Esq^r

6th Voted that the Ministers rate of John Emery & Dehote and John Robbins be abated for this year past

7th Voted that the shires run at Large this present year

May 9th 1775

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then the select men appointed a Town Meeting to be at the meeting House in said Town on Monday 9th Day of May Instant at one of the Clock in the afternoon to Consider and Determine on the following Articles

- 1 To Chuse a Moderator for to govern said meeting
- 2 To See if the Town will Agree to Chuse a member to sit in the Provincial Congress
- 3 To See How much money the Town will have to Defray the necessary Charges that have or may arise this Present year within the same
- 4 To See How much money the Town will have to support a Reading and or writing school this Present year
- 5 To See if the Town will agree to allow m^r Josiah Hayward's Account for his Service in the Congress the year past
- 6 To See if the Town will allow Lieut Kelling's School Society to Expel forty Shillings of their last year's school money in a woman's School

Acton May 9th 1775

at a General Town Meeting at the meeting House in said Town being legally warned as appeared by the Returns of the Constables on their warrant, m^r Josiah Hayward was chosen High constable, Town moderator, m^r Samuel Hayward was chosen Moderator

- 3 It was Propounded whether the Town will one Hundred Pound to Defray the necessary Charges that have or may arise this Present year within the same voted in the affirmative
- 4 voted Sixteen Pound for a School this Present year

6th Article was Propounded and voted in the affirmative the sum of 7. 10. 00 to m^r Josiah Hayward for his Services in the Congress and for 3 Journeys to 20 Day either since or at the General Court

Acton July 9th 1775
then the select men appointed a Town meeting to be at the Meeting House in said Town on Tuesday 9th Day of July Instant at four of the Clock in the afternoon

To See if the Town will agree to Chuse a Representative

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at a General Town meeting at the meeting House in said Town it being legally warned as appeared by the Returns of the Constables on their Warrants m^r Josiah Hayward was chosen Representative

Acton December 9th 1775

then the select men appointed a Town Meeting to be at the Meeting House in said Town on Monday 9th Day of December Instant at one of the Clock in the afternoon to Consider and Determine on the following Articles

- 1 To Chuse a Moderator for to govern said meeting
- 2 To See if the Town will Chuse a Committee to Provide Preaching as also How much money the Town will have to Pay for Preaching and Pay any other votes that may be thought Proper when Met Relating to that affair

Acton December 9th 1775

at a General Town Meeting at the meeting House in said Town being legally warned as appeared by the Returns of the Constables Deacon Sam^l Hayward was chosen Moderator

- 2^d It was Propounded whether the Town will Chuse a Committee to Provide Preaching voted in the affirmative and then it was voted that Fra^s Fawthner De^a Samuel Hayward and De^a Joseph Brabrook be a Committee for that Purpose also voted that said Committee do Agree with m^r Sprague to supply the Duty it, untill the next May meeting also voted the sum of Seventy Pound to Pay for Preaching the year ensuing

Acton February 28th 1776

then we the Subscribers laid out a High way beginning at a Pitch Pine tree Marked at the Road west of John Herrod's House from thence to a Pitch Pine Mark then to a Pitch Pine Mark from Robbins' corner from thence to a heap of Stones one Rod to the West of a heap of Stones North of m^r Joseph Robbins' house from thence to a heap of Stones at Millstone Road and was laid out through land of Joseph Robbins and land of the widow Temple and Deacon Fawthner's land and the enclosure of Northfield De^a Fawthner's land

Acton February 13th 1776

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Then the Select men appointed a Town meeting to be at the meeting House in said Town on the first Monday next of March next at one of the Clock in the afternoon to consider and determine on the following articles

- 1 To Chuse a Moderator for to Govern said meeting
- 2^{ly} To Chuse Town officers for the year ensuing
- 3^{ly} To See if the Town will agree to work at the High ways by a Rate this Present year as also to See how much money the Town will Raise to Repair said ways and Pay any votes that may be thought Proper when met. Relating to that affair
- 4^{ly} To See if the Town will agree to abate the minister Rate of m^r Samson Wheeler for the year 1776 by reason of his Paying to the New meeting in Concord
- 5^{ly} To See if the Town will agree to Let the Swine Run at Large this Present year

Acton March 4th 1776

at a Legal Town meeting at the meeting House in said Town it being legally warned as appeared by the Return of the Constables The Town proceeded as follows

- 1 m^r Josiah Hayward was Chosen Moderator and then the meeting was adjourned to the third Monday of March Instant at Eleven of the Clock in the forenoon

Acton March 18th 1776 the Town being met Francis Faulkner was Chosen Town Clerk and a Select men John Heywood and Ephraim Heywood was Chosen Select men and John Deale Ephraim Holmes Capt Simon Hunt Dea^r Joseph Brabrook and Capt Joseph Robbins were Chosen a Committee of Correspondence and Seth Stephens Holmes and Seth Brooks was Chosen Constables John Hunt and Seth Brooks was Chosen wardens Josiah Piper Dea^r Hayward Oliver Jones Nathl^l Edwards Jones Brooks and Dea^r Ebenezer Pate was Chosen Surveyor of High ways and Billings was Chosen Town Treasurer m^r Nathl White was Chosen Sealer of warts and Messrs Samuel Pate and David Furber Jun^r was Chosen Justices m^r Samuel Parlin and Joseph Barker Jun^r was Chosen Jurors

Nathaniel Faulkner and Seth Brooks was Chosen Surveyor of the Boards and Shingles Elias Bonard was Chosen Fish Weir Benjⁿ Brabrook was Chosen Butler of Hoops and Stave Jonathan Chaffin and John Barker Jun^r was Chosen Hog Rides

- 3^{ly} Voted to work at the High ways by a Rate this Present year as also voted the sum of Forty Pounds to Repair said High ways and that every Person have Liberty to work out his Highway Rate at the usual Price for High way work in this Town also Voted that the Officers Make the High way Rates by the last years Invoice and the Surveyor was Chosen Collector of the High way Rate

- 4^{ly} The 4 article was Propounded and Disposed

- 5^{ly} It was Propounded whether the Town will agree to Let the Swine Run at Large this Present year voted in the affirmative and the meeting was Disposed

Acton May 6th 1776

Then the Select men appointed a Town meeting to be at the meeting House in said Town on Tuesday 14th Day of this Instant May at one of the Clock in the afternoon to consider and conclude on the following articles (one)

- 1 To See if the Town will agree to Chuse a Representative
- 2^{ly} To Chuse a Moderator for to Govern said meeting
- 3^{ly} To See if the Town will agree to hear any candidates for the Gospel minister Preach in this Town upon Probation or in what manner the Town may be supplied with Preaching for any future time and Pay any votes that may be thought Proper when met. Relating to the above affair
- 4^{ly} To See how much money the Town will Raise to Dispay the Messary Charges that have or may arise this Present year within the same
- 5^{ly} To See how much money the Town will Raise to support a Reading and a writing School this Present year and Pay any votes that may be thought Proper when met
- 6^{ly} To See if the Town will agree to Pay Paul Hayward the sum of money Allowed to him by the Court Committee as Damages for his County Road through his Land in Acton

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- 74 To Se if the Town will accept of the Persons whose Names the Select men have taken down to serve on the Petit Juries at the Superior and Inferior Courts as they may be called for from time to time
- 8 To Se if the Town will agree to build a School House in Saml Fitch Society and pay any Vote that may be thought proper when met.

Aston May 14th 1776

at a General Town meeting at the meeting House in said Town it being legally warned as appeared by the Returns of the Constables in Mark White was chosen Representative

2^d Mr Mark White was chosen Moderator

3^d It was Propounded whether the Town will hear four Candidates for the Gospel Ministry ^{on Debate} and it being in the affirmative also voted to hear each of said Candidates four Sabbath Days also voted that Dea Amos Hayward Francis Faulkner Nathl Edwards Josiah Hayward Lieut John Keels be a Committee to draw said List and that they take advice of the Presbys of the Colleges and Neighbouring Ministers who said Candidates shall be

4th It was Propounded whether the Town will raise one Hundred Pounds to defray the Highway Charge within the Town this next year voted in the affirmative

5th Voted thirty two Pounds for a Reading and a writing School and that thirty Shillings in each Society (if they think proper) be expended in a Reading School

6th It was Propounded whether the Town will pay Paul Hayward the sum allowed him by the Court Committee voted in the affirmative

7th Propounded whether the Town will accept of the Persons named by the select men to serve on the Petit Juries voted in the affirmative

8th It was Propounded whether the Town will build a school House in Saml Fitch Society voted in the affirmative also voted that the select men do build said House

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Aston June 10th 1776
Then the select men appointed a Town Meeting to be at the Meeting House in said Town on Friday 14th Day of June Instant to consider and determine on the following articles
✓ To choose a Moderator for to govern said meeting
2^d To Se if the Town will agree to instruct our Representatives to give consent in the Name of His Constituents that the Colonies be made Independent of the Kingdom of Great Britain whenever the Continental Congress shall think proper to Declare the same

Aston June 14th 1776

at a General Town Meeting it being legally warned as appeared by the Returns of the Constables Dea Samuel Hayward was chosen Moderator and the Town proceeded as follows

1st It was Propounded whether the Town will give Instructions to the Representatives voted in the affirmative and the following Instructions were given to Mr Mark White for our not being favored with the Resolution of the Hon House of Representatives calling upon the several Towns in this Colony to Express their minds with Respect to the Important Question of American Independence - Thus is the Creation of our not Expressing our minds sooner but we now cheerfully embrace this Opportunity to instruct you on that Important Question the subverting our Constitution the many Injuries and unheard of Barbarities which these Colonies have received from Great Britain confirms us in that opinion that the Present age will be Defiant in their Duty to God their Posterity and themselves if they do not Establish an American Republic this is the only form of Government we wish to be Established but we mean not to dictate we freely submit the interesting affair to the Wisdom of the Hon^{ble} Continental Congress whome we trust are guided and directed in these Important affairs by the Supreme Governor of the world And we instruct you to give them the strongest Assurance that if they should Declare America to be a free and Independent Republic your Constituents will support and defend the Measures with themselves and Fortunes

Acton July 4th 1776

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then the Select men appointed a Town meeting to be at the meeting House in said Town on Monday 11th Day of this Instant July at five of the clock in the afternoon to consider and determine on the following articles (viz)

- 1st To Chuse a Moderator for to govern said meeting
- 2^d To see how much money the Town will have to give to those men that shall enlist themselves in Col. Jonathan Mearns Regiment bound for Canada and shall pay Muster and pay any B^o or votes relating to the Enlisting Persons that served in the last Campaign or any thing relating to the above affair as the Town shall think proper when met.

Acton July 4th 1776

at a Legal Town meeting at the Meeting House in said Town Dea Samuel Hayward was chosen Moderator and the Town proceeded on the second article as follows

It was Propounded whether the Town will make an addition of Six Pound Six Shillings & Eight Pence to the Bounty given by the General Court as a free gift to those men that shall enlist themselves in Col. Jonathan Mearns Regiment and Capt. Myster voted in the affirmative also voted that Lieut John Mearns & shall receive from the Town the sum of £6:6:8 if he engages in said Regiment and goes with our men also voted that a Committee be chosen to make allowance to those that have been ^{in Bonhomie} personally in our Army or hired men to go into the Army in Defense of our Country so as to excuse them from paying their proportion to the above Bounty given by the Town & what they have done will be a sufficient reason therefor. Voted that the Select men with Dea Samuel Hayward & Capt Joseph Hobbes be a Committee for the above Purpose

Acton July 4th 1776

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then the Select men appointed a Town Meeting to be at the meeting House in said Town on Monday 11th Day of this Instant July at one of the clock in the afternoon to consider and determine on the following Articles

- 1st To Chuse a Moderator for to govern said meeting
- 2^d To see if the Town will agree to give Incentivment to five men that may enlist themselves and go in the Expedition to Canada, and pay and B^o that may be thought proper when met relating to that affair
- 3^d To see if the Town will Dismiss Capt Simon Hunt from serving as one of the Committee of Correspondance and Chuse another in his Room.

Acton July 4th 1776

at a General Town Meeting at the Meeting House in said Town it being legally warned & appeared by the Members of the Congregation on their warrants Major Daniel Hatcher was chosen Moderator and proceeded as follows

- 2^d It was Propounded whether the Town will give a Bounty to five men that shall enlist themselves and go in the Expedition to Canada of the sum of Six Pound Six Shillings & Eight Pence to each of said men respectively voted in the affirmative
- 3^d Propounded whether the Town will Dismiss Capt Simon Hunt from serving as one of the Committee of Correspondance and it was voted in the affirmative and Lieut Thomas Hays was chosen in his Room

Acton August 4th 1776

then the Select men appointed a Town Meeting to be at the meeting House in said Town on Thursday 4th Day of Instant at four of the clock in the afternoon to consider and determine on the following Articles

- 1st To Chuse a Moderator for to govern said meeting
- 2^d To see if the Town will agree to hear either of the "gent", that have preached in this Town upon Probation any further and pay any B^o or votes that may be thought proper when met relating to supplying the Town with Breachery

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Acton August 29th 1776

At a General Town Meeting at the meeting House in said Town it being legally warned as appeared by the returns of the Constables on their warrants was Chosen. Moderator

- 2^{ly} Voted to hear Mr. Moses Adams & Sabbath Longer upon Probation, and the meeting was Dissolved

Acton October 18th 1776

then the select men appointed a Town Meeting to be at the meeting in said Town on Thursday 24th Day of this Instant October at one of the clock in the afternoon to confer and determine on the following Articles

- 1st To Chuse a Moderator for to govern said Meeting
- 2^{ly} To see if the Town will give their Consent that the Represent. House of Representatives of this State together with the Council shall agree on and Enact such a Constitution and form of Government for this State as they shall Judge will most conduce to the safety Peace and Happiness of this State and to pass any Votes that may be thought proper when Met. relating to forming government in this State
- 3^{ly} To see how much money the Town will raise to Day for Preaching this Present year
- 4^{ly} To see if the Town will reconsider the votes that was passed in Town meeting on the third Day of July last respecting the Meeting allowance to those Persons who had on service personally or hired men into our army and agree that the Town shall be obliged for the sum of money granted by this Town to the Soldier as Bounty by the General Rules of Government
- 5th To see if the Town will agree to give to Maj. Fletcher the same sum they gave to a Soldier as Bounty to go into the army or Camp here and his State from Paying Proportion to the sum given as Bounty of or said agreeable to his request to the Town

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Acton October 24th 1776

At a General Town Meeting at the Meeting House in said Town it being legally warned as appeared by the returns of the Constables on their warrants Mr. Ephraim Hosmer was Chosen Moderator and Proceeded as follows

- 2^{ly} on the second article it was Propounded Whether the Town will Chuse a Committee to form some Resolves respecting the forming Government and lay the same before the Town for their consideration voted in the Affirmative and Francis Southwick Simon Little Ephraim Hapgood Deacon Hayward Ephraim Hosmer Capt. Robbins and Nathl. Edwards were Chosen for that Purpose and said Committee laid before the Town the following Resolves which was Unanimously Voted

- 1st Resol. That this State is at Present destitute of an Established form of Government it is necessary one should be immediately formed and Established
- 2^{ly} Resol. That the supreme Legislature in their Capacity are by no means a Body Proper to form and Establish a Constitution for the following Reasons viz. Because a Constitution Properly formed has a System of Principles Established to secure the Subjects in Possession of their Rights and Privileges against any Encroachments of the Legislative Part and it is our Opinion that the same Body that forms a Constitution have of consequence a Power to alter it and we conceive that a Constitution alterable by the supreme Legislative Power is no Security to the Subject against Encroachments of that Power on our Rights and Privileges
- 3^{ly} That the Town thinks it Expedient that a Convention be Chosen by the Inhabitants of the several Towns and Districts ^{in this State} being free to form and Establish a Constitution for this State
- 4th Resol. That the Hon^{ble} Assembly of this State be Desired to recommend to the Inhabitants of this State to Chuse a Convention for the above Purpose as soon as possible
- 5th Resol. That the Convention Publish their Proposed Constitution before they Establish it for the inspection and Remarks of the Inhabitants of this State
- 6th on the third Article Voted Seventy Pounds to Day for Preaching this Present year
- 7th the fourth Article was Propounded and Passed in the Affirmative
- 8th the fifth Article was Propounded and Passed in the Affirmative

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Aulon December 17th 1776

then the select men appointed a Town Meeting to be at the meeting House in said Town on Friday 20th Day of the Instant December at one of the Clock in the afternoon to consider and determine on the following Articles

- 1st To Chuse a Moderator for to govern said meeting
- 2^d To see if the Town will agree to hear m^r Moses Adams preach, any Long time upon Debate or Pass any other votes that may be thought Proper when met relating to Providing preaching for the future

Aulon December 20th 1776

at a General Town meeting at the Meeting House in said Town it being legally warned as appeared by the Returns of the Constables on their warrants Deaⁿ John Brooks was Chosen Moderator and Proceeded as follows

- 1st Voted to hear m^r Moses Adams ^{Preach} four Sabbath Longer than is agreed for and that the former Committee that was Chosen to provide Preaching agree with him for said term

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Aulon January 1st 1777

then the select men appointed a Town meeting to be at the meeting House in said Town on Wednesday the 1st Day of January Instant at one of the Clock in the afternoon to consider and determine on the following Articles

- 1st To Chuse a Moderator for to govern said meeting
- 2^d To see if the Town will concur with the Church in this Town in giving M^r Moses Adams a Invitation to settle in the Gospel Ministry in the Town also to see how much Settlement and Salary the Town will agree to give him for his support if he should take the Charge over this Church and Congregation as a Gospel minister and Pass any Votes that may be thought Proper when met relating to the above affairs

Aulon January 1st 1777

at a General Town meeting at the meeting House in said Town it being legally warned as appeared by the Returns of the Constables on their warrants m^r Ephraim Hosmer was Chosen Moderator and Proceeded as follows on the second Article it was Propounded whether the Town will concur with the Church in Making Choice of m^r Moses Adams to take the Charge over this Church and Congregation to Minister to them in Holy things and it was Voted in the Affirmative and then it was Propounded whether the Town will Chuse a Committee to propose to the Town what sum of money will be sufficient for a Settlement and Salary for him Voted in the Affirmative and Francis Faulkner Deaⁿ Sam^l Hayward Ephraim Hosmer Capt. Simon Hunt Simon Tuttle Deaⁿ John Brooks and Deaⁿ Joseph Brabrook was Chosen for that purpose and the Meeting was adjourned to the 12th Day of February next at one of the Clock in the afternoon and then adjourned and then adjourned to the first Monday of March at eleven of the Clock in the forenoon and then adjourned to the 17th Day of March at one of the Clock in the afternoon.

Aulon March 17th 1777 at a General Town Meeting continued by several adjournments to this Town it was Voted to give to m^r Moses Adams the Sum of Two Hundred Pounds as Settlement if he shall settle in the Ministry in this Town also Voted to give him Eighty Pound Salary yearly according to Silver at his Willing & Eight Pence p^r ounce a year to continue on the Ministry in the Town also Voted to provide him his first year after he settles with us

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Then the select men approved a Town Meeting to be at the meeting House in said Town on the first Monday of March Next at ^{Three} one of the Clock in the said Day to consider and Determine on the following articles (viz)

- 1st To Chuse a Moderator for to govern said meeting
- 2 To Chuse Town officers for the year ensuing
- 3 To See if the Town will agree to work at the High ways by a Rate this Present year also to See how much money the Town will have to Repair said High ways and Pass any other votes that may be thought proper when Met. relating to that affair
- 4 To See if the Town will agree to let the Sown then at Large this Present year

Acton March 9th 1777

at a General Town Meeting at the Meeting House in said Town m^r Ephraim Holmes was Chosen Moderator and Proceeded as follows Francis Faulkner was Chosen Town Clerk and a select men. Lut Ephraim Hapgood and Dea Joseph Brabrook was Chosen select men and the select was Chosen. Hysors Simon Tattle Ammi Faulkner Jonathan Holmes Nathan Parker John Hunt Daniel Davis and Lut John Heald was Chosen a Committee of correspondence. Judson & Solly Hesketh Wheeler and William Barker was Chosen. Constables William Barker and Lut John Hayward were Chosen. Viduans Samuel Wright and Nathaniel Edwards was Chosen. Tithing men Mark White Lut Jereal Heald Nath^l Faulkner John Hayward William Barker Lut Simon Hunt and Seth Brooks was Chosen Surveyors of High ways and Collectors of the High way. Rates Mark White Sellen of wads and Measurers Daniel Davis and Joseph Piper Jr. was Chosen Surveyors of Blabw^d & Chingles Lut John Heald and Peter Fletcher Callers of Hoops and Flaves Oliver Jones and David Davis Henees Rivers William Baker & Solomon Smith Roy Knies Lut John Hayward Fish Kees

- 3 Voted to work at the High ways by a Rate and the wages for men and Hone to the upst Price for High way work voted forty Pounds to Repair said High ways
- 4 Voted that the Sown then at Large this Present year and the meeting was adjourned to

Acton March 9th 1777

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at a General Town Meeting at the Meeting House in said Town it being legally warned as appeared by the Returns of the Constables on their warrants m^r Ephraim Holmes was Chosen Moderator and Proceeded as follows

- 2 Voted Twenty Pounds to every man that shall Enlist himself into the Continental Army to Complate the Quota of men for the Town for three years or During the Present war also Voted an addition of four Pounds to every ~~that~~ man that has Enlisted in said Town since the first Monday of this Instant month or shall Enlist in one week from this Day also Voted to Chuse a Committee to make an Enquiry in the Town of what has been done ^{in the Militia} during the Present war and the Town made Choice of Francis Faulkner Dea Simon Hayward Lut John Heald Ephraim Holmes Capt Joseph Robbins Dea Joseph Brabrook Lut Ephraim Hapgood Lut Tho^s Hayward & Lut Edwards Lut Simon Hunt Lut Simon Tattle Lut Jereal Heald Lut John Heald & Joseph Barker Lut Benjⁿ Brabrook for a Committee for that purpose and Voted that the Hysors do Appt the Town for the whole Sum that said Committee shall Deliver to them of what Sown has been done Personally or by Hiring men to go in the Sown ever since the Present war begun by the last years Justice also Voted that any Person that has Sown more than his Proportion to said Tax it shall be in Bank in the Town one year Voted that the above Committee Propose to the Town what Proportion of the above Tax a Poll shall Pay and the Meeting was adjourned to Monday the 31 Day of March Instant at two of the Clock in the afternoon
- Acton March 31 1777 the Town being met Agreeable to the adjournment it was Propounded whether the Town agree that the Poll in the Town shall Pay one third of the above Tax and it being in the Affirmative Voted that the Hysors take the Opinion of the Hon^{ble} the Dea respecting Sown for real Estate to the above Tax and should accordingly also vote that those that arrived to the age of 16 years since 1st Day of Sep^r last and was Retained in the Number of needs for this Town by the select men to the General Court in January last shall be Appted for their Proportion in keeping the Troop & Quota of every seventh man to serve in the Continental Army three years or During the Present war

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then the select. men. Appointed a Town Meeting to be at
the Meeting House in said Town on the 10th Day of March.
Instant. at one of the clock in the afternoon to consider
and determine on the following Articles

1st To Chuse a Moderator for to govern said meeting

2^d To be what Bounty the Town will give to those men
that shall enlist themselves into the Continental Army
to complete the quota of men for this Town for three
years or during the present war also to be if the Town
will agree to make an. Encourage in this Town of what has
been done in. Personal service or by hiring men for the
Public Service during the present war and pass any votes
that may be thought proper when met. Relating to the
above affairs

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In Congress July 4 1776

A Declaration by the Representatives of the united States of America

In General Congress Assembled

When the course of Human Events is become history for one People to Dispel the Political Bands which Nature connected them with another and to assume among the Powers of the Earth the separate and Equal Station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God Entitle them a Decent Respect to the Opinion of Mankind requires that should Declare the Causes which impel them to the Separation We Hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights that among these are Life Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness - that to secure these Rights Governments are instituted among men deriving their just Powers from the Consent of the Governed and when ever any form of Government becomes destructive of these Ends it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it and to institute new Governments laying its Foundation on such Principles and organising its Powers in such form as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness Prudence indeed will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient Causes and accordingly all Experience hath shewn that Mankind are more disposed to suffer while evils are sufferable than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed but when a long train of abuses and usurpations pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a Design to reduce them under absolute Despotism it is their Right it is their Duty to throw off such Government and to provide new Guards for their future Security such has been the Patient Sufferance of these Colonies and such is now the Necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government the History of the present King of Great Britain is a History of repeated Injuries and usurpations all having in direct Object the Establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States to Prove this let facts be submitted to a candid world He has refused his Assent to Laws the most wholesome and necessary for the Public Good He has forbidden his Governors to Pass Laws of Immediate and pressing Importances unless suspended in their Operation untill his Assent should be obtained and when so suspended he has utterly neglected to attend to them He has refused to Pass other Laws for the Accommodation of large Districts of People unless those People would relinquish the Right of Representation in the Legislative Bodies at Place unequal uncomfortable and distant from the Depository of their Publick Records for the sole Purpose of Intimidating into Compliance with his Measures He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly for opposing with Manly and

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his Injuries on the Rights of the People He has refused for a long time after Dissolutions to choose others to be elected whereby the Legislative Powers incapable of annihilation have returned to the People at large for their Exercise that State remaining in the Mean time exposed to all Dangers of Invasion from without and Convulsions within

He has endeavoured to prevent the Population of these States for that Purpose obstructing the Laws for Naturalization of foreigners refusing to Pass others to encourage their Migration hither and ~~refusing~~ ^{refusing} his Assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary Powers refusing the Collection of new Appropriations of Land

He has obstructed the Administration of Justice by refusing his Assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary Powers

He has made Judges dependent on his Will alone for the Tenure of their Offices and the Amount and Payment of their Salaries

He has created a multitude of new Offices and sent hither Swarms of Officers to harass our People and eat out their Substance

He has kept among us in times of Peace standing Armies without the Consent of our Legislators

He has affected to render the Military independent of and Superior to the Civil Power

He has combined with others to subject us to a Jurisdiction foreign to our Constitution and unacknowledged by our Laws giving his Assent to their Acts of Pretended Legislation

for quartering large Bodies of armed troops among us for protecting them by a Mock trial from Punishment for any Murders which they should commit on the Inhabitants of these States

for cutting off our Trade from all Parts of the world for imposing Taxes upon us without our Consent for depriving us of our Trial by Jury for transporting us beyond Seas to be tried for Pretended offences

for abolishing the free System of English Laws in a Neighbouring Province establishing therein an arbitrary Government and enlarging its Boundaries so as to render it at once an Example and fit Instrument for introducing the same absolute in these Colonies

for taking away our Charter abolishing our most valuable Laws and altering fundamentally the forms of our Government for suspending our own Legislators and declaring themselves invested with Power to Legislate for us in all Cases whatsoever he has abdicated Government here by declaring us out of his Protection and waging war against us

He has plundered our Seas ravaged our Coasts burnt our Towns and destroyed the Lives of our People

He is at this time transporting large armies of Foreign Mercenaries to
Complet the work of Death, Oppression and Tyranny already begun
with barbarous cruelty and Rapacity. He is paralleled in the
most barbarous acts and totally unworthy the Head of a civilized Nation
He has constrained our fellow Citizens taken captive on the high seas to
Bear arms against their Country to become the Executioners of their friends
and brethren or to fall themselves by their hands.

He has misled Domestick Informations amongst us and has endeavored to
bring on the Inhabitants of our frontiers the Marauding Indian Savages whose
known Rules of warfare is an undistinguished Destruction of all Ages, Sexes
and Conditions.

In every Stage of these Oppressions we have petitioned for Redress in the
most humble Terms our Supplicated Petitions have been answered only by
Repeated Injury! — A Prince whose Character is thus marked by every
act, which may define a Tyrant is unfit to be the Ruler of a free People
Nor have we been wanting in Attention to our British Brethren we have
warned them from time to time of attempts by their Legislature to
take an unwarrantable Jurisdiction over us we have reminded them
of the Circumstances of our Emigration and Settlement here we have
appealed to their Honors Justice and Magnanimity we have conjured them
by the ties of our common Kindred to desist from usurpations which would
Inevitably interrupt our Connections and Correspondence they too have
been deaf to the voice of Justice and of Conspiquinity we must therefore
requisite in the Necessity which Denounces our Separation and hold
them as we hold the Right of mankind Enemies in war in due form
we therefore the Representatives of the united States of America in
General Congress Assembled Appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world
for the Rectitude of our Intentions do in the Name and by the Authority
of the good People of these Colonies solemnly Publish and Declare that
these united Colonies are and of Right ought to be free and Independent
States that they are absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown
and that all Political Connections between them and the State of Great
Britain is and ought to be totally dissolved and that as free and
Independent States they have full Power to levy war to conclude Peace
Contract Alliances Establish Commerce and to do all other Acts and Things
which Independent States may of Right do and for the Support of
this Declaration with a firm Reliance on the Protection of Divine
Providence we mutually pledge to each other our Lives our Fortunes
and our sacred Honor.

Signed by order and in behalf of the Congress

John Hancock. President
Attest. — Charles Thompson. Secretary

In Council July 19th 1776

Ordered that the Declaration of Independence be Printed and a Copy
sent to the ministers of each Parish of every Denomination within
this State and that they severally be required to read the same to their
respective Congregations as soon as Divine Service is ended in the
afternoon on the first Lords Day after Shells have read it and after
such Publication thereof to deliver the said Declaration to the Clerks
of their several Towns or Districts who are hereby required to record
the same in their respective Town or Districts Books there to remain
as a Perpetual Memorial thereof

In the Name and by order of the Council
M. Derby Jun^r President.

A True Copy Attest. John Avery Dep. Sec'y

Acton, May 9th 1777

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Then the Select men appointed a Town Meeting to be at the Meeting House in said Town, on Wednesday 14th Day of this Instant May at Two of the Clock in the afternoon to confer and Determine on the following articles (viz)

- 1st To see if the Town will agree to charge a Representative
- 2^d To Choose a Moderator for to govern said meeting
- 3^d To see how much money the Town will raise to defray the necessary Charges that have or shall arise this present year within the same
- 4th To see how much Money the Town will raise to support a Reading and a writing School this present year and take any other votes that may be thought proper when met relating to that affair
- 5th To see if the Town will agree to give to all High Person men that have enlisted into the Continental Army to do a Turn for said Town of Acton for three years or during the war and shall answer for said men for their Indute since the first Monday of March last or shall enlist before the 15th Day of May Instant at Four of the Clock in the afternoon the sum in the whole of Twenty four Pounds and take any votes that may be thought proper when met relating to the completing their Indute of men for said Army

Acton, May 14th 1777

At a General Town Meeting at the Meeting House in said Town the Being legally warned as appeared by the Returns of the Constables on their warrants the first article was Propounded and Passed in the Affirmative

- 1st Mr Eph^{us} Holmes was Chosen Moderator and Proceeded as follows

- 2^d Voted Seventy Pounds to Defray the necessary Charges this present year
- 3^d Voted forty Pounds to Support a Reading and a writing School and that each Society expend what they think proper in a school

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4th Voted Twenty four Pounds to Every man that has enlisted or shall enlist agreeable to said Article also voted the sum of Eight Pounds to those that may enlist in the Continental Army until the tenth Day of January next

Acton, May 16th 1777

Then the Select men appointed a Town Meeting to be at the Meeting House in said Town on the Twenty sixth Day of May Instant at Two of the Clock in the afternoon to confer and Determine on the following articles

- 1 To Choose a Moderator for to govern said meeting
- 2 To see if the Town will agree with the Church in appointing a Day for the ordination of the Rev^d Mr Adams and make Provision for the Council that shall officiate in said ordination

Acton, May 26th 1777

At a General Town Meeting at the Meeting House in said Town Francis Fauthner was Chosen Moderator and Proceeded as follows

- 1st It was Propounded whether the Town will agree with the Church in appointing a Day for the Ordination of the Rev^d Mr Adams Voted in the affirmative also voted that the Ordination be on Wednesday 25th Day of June next Voted that Sam^l Jones Jun^r Billing Eph^{us} Hopgood Simon Tuttle & Sam^l Tupper be a Committee to provide for the Council at said Ordination

Aston November 24th 1777

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then the Select men appointed a Town meeting to be at the meeting House in said Town on Friday the 28th day of November Instant at one of the clock in the afternoon to consider and determine on the following articles

- 1st To Chuse a Moderator for to govern said meeting
- 2^{ly} To see if the Town will agree to make application to the Great and General Court of this State for a repeal of a late act of said Court for Draining in the Bill of Credit of this State for hereon the Town may give to said Court.
- 3^{ly} To see if the Town will abate the Poll Taxes for the year past of Mess^{rs} Samuel Whiles Daniel Lock and Jonathan Tupper for hereon that shall be given at said meeting
- 4th To see if the Town will provide fire wood for the fire in the Town this present year
- 5th To see if the Town will do any thing towards supporting the families of those men belonging to the Continental army who have engaged for this Town for the term of three years or during the present war

Aston November 28th 1777

at a general Town Meeting at the meeting House in said Town at three o'clock legally warned as appears by the returns of the Constables on their warrants Francis Faulkner was chosen Moderator and proceeded as follows

- 1st on the second article it was Propounded whether the Town will make application to the Great and General Court of this State for a repeal of a late act for Draining in the Bill of Credit of this State voted in the affirmative and the Select men with Lieut John Shield and Samuel Smith was chosen a committee for that purpose
- 2^{ly} the third article was Propounded and Voted in the Negative

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by the fourth was Propounded and Voted in the affirmative

by the fifth article was Propounded and Voted in the Negative

Aston February 4th 1778

then the Select men appointed a Town meeting to be at the meeting House in said Town on Friday the 13th day of this Instant February at one of the clock in the afternoon to consider and determine on the following articles

- 1st To Chuse a Moderator for to govern said meeting
- 2^{ly} To hear the articles of Confederation and Perpetual Union Proposed by Congress to be subscribed by the United States of America and act thereon as the Town shall think proper when met

Aston February 13th 1778

at a general Town Meeting it legally warned Ephraim Hapgood was chosen Moderator and proceeded as follows

- 1st the article of Confederation and Perpetual Union being read the Town voted said article was agreeable to their minds and the meeting was dissolved

Aston February 12th 1778

then the Select men appointed a Town Meeting to be at the meeting House in said Town on the first Monday of March Next at one of the clock in the afternoon to consider and determine on the following articles

- 1st To Chuse a Moderator for to govern said meeting
- 2^{ly} To Chuse Town officers for the year ensuing year
- 3^{ly} To see if the Town will agree to work at the High ways by a. That this present year as also to see how much money the Town will raise to repair said ways and pay any other votes that may be thought proper when met Relating to the above affair
- 4th To see if the Town will agree to let the Swinburn at Large this present year

Acton March 29th 1778

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at a general Town meeting it being legally warned Eph^m Kosmer was chosen moderator and Proceeded as follows

2^{ly} Francis Faulkner was Chosen Town Clerk Francis Faulkner Eph^m Kappod & Joseph Brabook was Chosen select men & Eph^m Kappod Joseph Robbins Nath^l Edwards Lut Thomas Noyes Capt Jacob Hild wolver Jones Jonas Brooks Eph^m Samuel Wright wa Chosen a Committee of correspondence Lut David Turbuck & Samuel Jones Jr were Chosen Constables Heskiah Wheelers and Samuel Piper were Chosen wardens Simon Tuttle and Eph^m Kosmer were Chosen Tithing men Simon Tuttle Capt Hunt William Barker Nath^l Faulkner John Hayward mark White Jacob Hild and Seth Brooks was Chosen Surveyors of High ways Daniel Davies & Nath^l Faulkner Chosen Surveyors of blood & Dr Kingly John Hild & Samuel Jones Chosen butlers of Hoops & Thomas Peter Fletcher and Isaac French Chosen fence viewers John Hayward Chosen Tith. Master Robert Cheffins & John Billing was Chosen Haywards mark White dealer of wares and measures

3^{ly} Voted that the Surveyors of High ways do that the next year High way Rates be workt out on the Road and keep the Bridges in Repair

4 Voted that the Swine Run at Large this Present year

Acton March 29th 1778

then the select men appointed a Town meeting to be at the meeting House in said on the 6th Day of April next at Twelve of the Clock to consider and Determine on the following articles

1st To Chuse a Moderator for to govern said meeting

2^{ly} To hear the Constitution or form of Government Placed by a Convention Chuse by the People for that Purpose and to send to this Town for their Consideration Approbation and to act thereon as the Town shall think Proper when met

3^{ly} To see if the Town will agree to keep money to pay the Charges of Supporting the Council at the third in Adams' ordination and to pay for his fire wood the Present year

Acton April 6th 1778

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at a Legal Town Meeting at the meeting House in said Town
mth Ephraim Kosmer was Chosen Moderator

2^{ly} the the Constitution or form of Government be heard voted that it be referred to the next meeting

3^{ly} It was Propounded whether the Town will keep money to pay the Charges of the Council and for the third in Adams' fire wood voted in the affirmative

Acton May 1st 1778

then the select men appointed a Town Meeting to be at the meeting House in said Town on Wednesday the sixth Day of this Instant may at Twelve of the Clock to consider and Determine on the following articles

1st To Chuse a Moderator for to govern said meeting

2^{ly} To see what Encouragement the Town will give for seven men to serve in the Continental army the term Nine Months and for four men to serve at the North River for the term of eight months and they votes relating to the Encouraging said men that may be thought Proper when met

3^{ly} To see if the Town will Impower the select men to give the town for the money granted at the last Town meeting by the Rules Prescribed in the last Tea Bill

Acton May 6th 1778

at a general Town meeting at the Meeting House in said Town it being legally warned mth Eph^m Kosmer was Chosen Moderator and Proceeded as follows

2 the second article was adjourned to Thursday the 14th Day of May Current

3 this article was Propounded and Passed in the affirmative

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64 voted one Hundred Pounds to support a Reading and writing School and that each Society do expend as much of said money in a women's School as they shall think proper
74 voted to give the Rev^d Mr Adams his firewood the year ensuing

Aston June 25th 1778
then the Select men appointed a Town Meeting to be at the Meeting House in said Town on Saturday 27th Day of this Instant June at three of the clock in the afternoon to consider and Determine on the following articles
1st To Choose a Moderator for to govern said meeting
2^{ly} To See what method the Town will come into to raise men for the Rhode Island Service or any other Publick Service that the Town may be called upon for at any future time and to pay such votes thereon as the Town shall think proper when met

Aston June 27th 1778
at a General Town Meeting at the meeting House in said Town it being legally warned as appeared by the Returns of the Constables on their warrants the Town proceeded as follows
1st Ephraim Hosmer was Chosen Moderator
2^{ly} it was Propounded whether the Town will Choose a Committee to hire men for the Publick Service when the Town may be called upon for the same voted in the Affirmative and Chose^d William Baker Daniel Davies Eph^m Hosmer Tho^s Hoys John Adams John Hayward & John Hunt was Chosen a Committee for said Purpos^e also voted Seventy Pounds to be paid and paid to five men that shall Engage in the Rhode Island Service

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Aston July 22nd 1778
then the Select men appointed a Town meeting to be at the meeting House in said Town on Thursday the 30th Day of this Instant July at five of the clock in the afternoon to consider and Determine on the following articles
1st To Choose a Moderator for to govern said meeting
2^{ly} To See if the Town will agree to Abate the wear Rates of Capt Joseph Robbins Lieut Simon Tuttle & Nath^l Sarn^l Tuttle and Seth Brooks for the Keyfons that shall be said before the Town at the meeting or Pass any votes that may be thought proper upon the Keyfons that may be given for the Abatement of said Rates when met

Aston July 30th 1778
at a Legal Town Meeting at the meeting House in said Town Eph^m Hosmer was Chosen Moderator and proceeded as follows
2^{ly} it was Propounded whether the Town will Abate the wear Rates of Capt Joseph Robbins Lieut Simon Tuttle & Nath^l Sarn^l Tuttle & Seth Brooks and it Passed in the Negative and then it was voted that Every man in the Town that had paid money to hire men for the Town into the Continental Army for three years shall receive said money from the Town

Aston Sept 28th 1778
then the Select men appointed a Town meeting to be at the meeting House in said Town on Friday the 6th Day of October Next at one of the clock in the afternoon to consider and Determine on the following articles
1st To Choose a Moderator for to govern said meeting
2^{ly} To See if the Town will agree to Pay the Rev^d Mr Adams his Salary this present year agreeable to the Prices set the last year upon the Salary of Life or Pass any other votes that may be thought proper when met relating to said Salary

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- 3^{ly} To See if the Town will agree to build a House or Hut for John Kennedy and his family to live in.
 - 4^{ly} To See how much money the Town will please to supply the ^{extraneous} charges arising in the Town this present year
 - 5th To Choose a Treasurer for this County
 - 6^{ly} To See if the Town will agree to discharge m^r Samuel Fitch from the war debts in this Town during the term of three years that the Continentals is kept for upon his paying the Twenty eighth Part of all the cost that this Town has been or shall be called upon to pay the Authority to pay for supporting and keeping good said Number of Twenty eight men in said Army and all the expenses that shall be given to said Soldiers over and above forty Shillings p^r month during said term of three years and pass any votes that may make those Persons left who are unwilling to pay their war Rates

Auton October 16th 1778

at a general Town meeting at the meeting House in said Town it being legally warned as appeared by the Returns of the Constable on their warrants the Town proceeded as follows

- 1st m^r Eph^r Hosmer was Chosen Moderator
- 2^{ly} Voted three Hundred Pounds to the Rev^d m^r Moses Adams as an Addition to his Salary this present year
- 3^{ly} the Town Voted to build a House with two Rooms in it for the Publick use of this Town also voted that M^r Seth Brooks Deput Shepherd Daniel Davies Sam^l Piper and Nathan Darlin be a Committee to provide Materials for the building said House and a Place to sit it on also voted that said House be built thirty feet long & fifteen feet wide
- 4^{ly} Voted Two Hundred Pounds to supply Henry Georges in this Town
- 5^{ly} Voted to discharge m^r Samuel Fitch from the war Rates during the term of three years that the Continentals Army is kept for upon his giving sufficient security to a Committee that may be chosen to receive it to fulfill what is specified in said Article and then voted that the select men with M^r Thos^s Hoys & John Had Jr M^r Eph^r Hosmer & Samuel Jones Jr be a Committee for said Purpose

Auton January 18th 1779 298

then the select men appointed a Town meeting to be at the meeting House in said Town on Monday the 23rd Day of this instant January at one of the Clock in the afternoon to consider and determine on the following Article

- 1st To Choose a Moderator for to govern said meeting
- 2^{ly} To See if the Town will agree to pay the Rev^d M^r Adams any sum of money to enable him to purchase some Land and build him on Dwelling House (the Price of Land and Building have Reason to that Degree since the voted him Two Hundred Pounds Settlement that he is unable to build himself a Dwelling House without some Consideration from the Town) and pass any votes that may be thought proper when met relating to the above affair
- 3^{ly} To See if the Town will agree order the Lifepore to supply the Town when the Act for bill shall come from the Court for the several Sums of money that the Committee have Engaged to men for the Publick Service since the last Cverage was made in this Town

Auton January 25th 1779

at a general Town meeting at the meeting House in said Town it being legally warned as appeared by the Returns of the Constable on their warrants the Town proceeded as follows

- 1st m^r Eph^r Hosmer was Chosen Moderator
- 2^{ly} Voted to make the Two Hundred that was given to the Rev^d m^r Moses Adams for his Settlement as good in Land & Building as that money would have purchased when it was granted
- 3^{ly} Voted to Choose a Committee to assist the Rev^d m^r Adams in purchasing Land and Building to the value of said Settlement voted that it be left to the Rev^d m^r Adams what Parts of said money shall be laid out in Building and then it was Voted that Francis Hawthorn Capt. Robbins De^{nt} Sam^l Hayward m^r Seth Brooks M^r Thos^s Hoys Lieut Eph^r Hoysgood and Lieut Daniel Davies M^r D be a Committee for the above Purpose then voted that said Committee have Money to make good said Settlement in life it shall be wanted
- 4^{ly} the third Article was Propounded and Voted in the Affirmative and the meeting was Dissolved

Acton. February 12th 1779

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Then the Select men appointed a Town Meeting to be at the meeting House in said Town on the first Monday of March next at one of the clock in the afternoon to consider and determine on the following articles (viz)

- 1st To chuse a Moderator for to Govern said meeting
- 2^{ly} To chuse Town Officers for the year ensuing
- 3^{ly} To see if the Town will agree to work at the High ways by a Rate this present year as also to see how much money the Town will raise to repair said High ways and Pass any other votes that may be thought proper when met relating to the above affairs
- 4^{ly} To see if the Town will agree to abate the Rates of S^{er} Jones Parker Isaac Ramsdell & David Tigh for the year 1776
- 5^{ly} To Read a Petition of a Number of the Inhabitants of this Town that is to be referred to the General Court to be set of as a Town or Precinct and to act thereon as the Town shall think proper when met
- 6^{ly} To see if the Town will agree to abate the Minister Rates of m^r John Robbins for the year past and for the future so long as he Preys for Preaching at the New meeting House in Concord
- 7^{ly} To see if the Town will agree to Pay those men that engaged as Volunteers in the Rhode Island Service agreeable to a Resolution of the General Court of April 9th 1775
- 8^{ly} To see if the Town will agree to Let the Swine than at Large this present year
- 9 To see if the Town will chuse a Committee to Provide for the Soldiers families in this Town that belong to the Continental Army agreeable to Law
- 10 To see if the Town will agree to chuse a Committee to Put the Law in Execution against Monopoly and Conspiring in this Town

Acton. March 1st 1779

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At a General Town Meeting at the Meeting House in said Town its being legally warned and appeared by the Returns of the Constables on their warrants m^r Ephraim Homer was chosen Moderator and Proceeded as follows Francis Faulkner was chosen Town Clerk & a Select man Jones Brooks and Samuel Piper were chosen Select men and the Select men was chosen Assessors Capt. Robbins Samuel Wright Seth Brooks and Thomas Royce & Elias Conant was chosen a Committee of Correspondence John Adams Jr & John Robbins was chosen Constables Samuel Jones Jr & David Furber Jr were chosen warden Simon Tuttle was chosen Town Treasurers Samuel White and John Hayward were chosen Tithingmen David Furber Jr John Heald Jr Samuel Jones Jr Peter Fletcher Nathaniel Wheeler & Seth Brooks were chosen Surveyors of High ways & collectors of the High way Rate Mark White was chosen Sealer of wares and Measures Samuel Jones was Dismissed from being warden and Capt Jereah Heald chosen in his Room William Baker and Peter Fletcher were chosen fence viewers Daniel Davies and Seth Brooks were chosen Surveyors of Glabards and Shingles John Heald Jr & Oliver Lake were chosen Cutlers of Hoops & Staves John Hayward was chosen Deer Keeper & Amos Faulkner Fish Keeper Seth Brooks & William Cutting Jr were chosen Hog Killers

- 3^{ly} Voted to work at the High ways by a Rate this present year at the Rate 300 10 0 to repair said ways voted thirty Shillings 1st Day for a man until the first of Sept 1779 1st Day the remainder of the year 15th 1st Day for a Pair of Oxen & 17th 1st Day for a Cart half the time after September voted that the Assessors do Assess the Town for the above Town by the said Valuation
- 4th the fourth Article was Dismissed

- 5th Voted not to Oppose the Petitioners Being Set. of East of Groton Road they taking half said Road also Voted that the Select. men. be a Committee to Oppose said Petitioners Being Set. of as a Town. or District East of Groton Road's called
- 6th Voted that Mr. John Robbins' minister's Mate be abated for this year past
- 7th the Seventh Article was Propounded and Passed in the Negative
- 8th Voted in the affirmative
- 9th Voted that Dea. Saml. Hayward Josiah Hayward Sime Billings William Gattney & Daniel Davies be a Committee to Provide for the Soldiers Families.
- 10 Voted a Committee to Put the Law in Execution against Monopoly and Fore Stalling

Aston May 9th 1779

At a General Town meeting at the meeting House in said Town it legally appeared by the Returns of the Constables on their warrants in which Hosmer was Chosen Moderator and Proceeded as follows

- 3rd Voted five Hundred Pounds to Defray the Newspaper Charge in this Town this Present year
- 4th Voted Two Hundred & forty Pounds to Support a Reading and a Writing School one quarter of said money to be Expended in a women's School if the Selects shall agree to it
- 5th Passed in the Negative
- 6th Passed in the Negative
- 7th Voted that there be an Addition to the former Committee for supplying the Soldiers Families and that Capt. Saml. Davies, Lt. Noy, Jonathan Hosmer, Capt. Jrial, Nathl. Oliver Jones & Stephen Laws be added to said Committee

- 8th Voted that the money that the Town Committee have hired to make good the the in Adam's Millment be made as good as it was when it was hired also Voted that the Town be supplied by the Apportion for the above money also Voted that a Committee be Chosen to Estimate the Value of said money when it was hired on some Articles of the Necessaries of Life and the Select men with Dea. Brabrook & Simon Suttle was Chosen for said Purpose
- 9th Voted that this widows Hannah Davis be exempted from Daring Rates for her unimproved Land
- 10 Voted the Town Accepted the men whose Names were laid before the Town to serve on the Pet. Favours
- 11 Propounded and Passed in the Negative
- 12 Voted that Capt. Simon Hunt, Lt. John Neal Jr. Lt. Benj. Brabrook, Seth Brooks, Jones Brooks & Samuel Dyer be a Committee to hire men for the Publick for this Town this Present year

Aston May 9th 1779

Then the Select. men. appointed a Town meeting to be at the meeting house in said Town on Monday the 24th Day of this Instant May at one of the Clocks in the afternoon to consider and Determine on the following Articles (vid)

- 1st To see if the Town will Chuse a Representative
- 2nd To Chuse a Moderator for to Govern said meeting
- 3rd To see How much money the Town will agree to raise To Defray the Newspaper Charges that have or may pay this Present year within the same
- 4th To see How much money the Town will raise to support a Reading and a Writing School this Present year

- 5th To Se if the Town will Chuse at this Time to have a New Constitution or form of Government made and Pass any votes that may be thought Proper when met. relating to that affair.
- 6th To Se if the Town will agree to Pay the Shoemen that Employed as Volunteers in the Rhode Island Service Left Equal with others in the same Service and Pardon the General Court for a Consideration for the same and Pass any votes that may be thought Proper when met. relating to that affair.
- 7th To Se if the Town will Chuse a Committee to Provide for the Soldiers Families Agreeable to Law or Pass any other votes that may be thought Proper when met. relating to that affair.
- 8th To Se if the Town will Raise a Sum of money to Enable the Towns Committee to make the Towns Contract with the Rev. m^r Moses Adams Good Respecting his Settlement and Pass any votes thereon as the Town shall think Proper.
- 9th To Se if the Town will agree to abate and excuse the widow Davis from Paying Rates for her unimproved Land for Reasons that may be given at the meeting.
- 10th To Se if the Town will Accept of the men whose Names the Select men have taken Down to Serve on the Petit Juries at the Superior & Inferior Courts as they may be called for from time to time.
- 11th To Se if the Town will agree to leave the ^{House} in Dispute between m^r Samuel Fitch and this Town Respecting his war Rates to three Independent men Chosen by the Town and m^r Fitch.
- 12th To Se if the Town will agree to Chuse a Committee to hire men for the Publick Service when the Militia officers are called upon to Detach men for the Present year.

Acton July 4th 26th 1779

- These the Select men appointed a Town meeting to be at the meeting House in said Town on Friday the 30th Day of July Instant at Two of the Clock in the afternoon to Consider and Determine on the following articles (viz)
- 1st To Chuse a Moderator for to govern said meeting
- 2nd To Se if the Town will agree to Chuse a Delegate to Represent them in the Convention for the Purpose of forming a New Constitution on Plan of Government for this State to meet at Cambridge on the first Day of Sep^r Next.
- 3rd To Se if the Town will concur with the Proceedings of the Convention lately held at Concord for Regulating of the Prices of the Necessaries of Life and other articles and Chuse a Committee to State the Prices of all articles that may be necessary in this Town and Pass any votes that may be thought Proper when met.
- 4th To Se if the Town will agree to Chuse a Suitable Person or Persons to Represent the Town in the Convention Proposed to be held at Concord on the first Wednesday of October Next for the Purpose of Regulating Prices.
- 5th To Se if the Town will agree that the Assessors shall Assess the Town for the Sums of money the Committee have Expended and Engaged to Pay to men for going into the Publick Service for this Town this Present year when they Assess the Town to the State Tax.
- 6th To Se if the Town will agree to Pay to Elijah Davis and those men that went into the Publick Service with him to Boston the same Sum that they allowed to the Second Detachment that went to Concord in the year 1776.
- 7th To Se if the Town will agree to Do something towards the Support of Lieut Joseph Browns family while he is in the Publick Service.

2^{ly} To See if the Town will abate the Minutemen's Rates of Mr. Hannah Chaffin & Mr. Mary Dudley for the year 1778

Udon July 30th 1779

at a General Town meeting at the meeting House in said Town it being legally warned as appeared by the Returns of the Constables on their warrants Capt. Simon Hunt was Chosen Moderator and Proceeded as follows

- 1^{ly} on the second Article voted to Chuse amun to Represent this Town in the Convention to be held at Cambridge on the first Day of Sept^r Next for the Purpose of forming a Plan of Government for this State and Francis Faulkner was Chosen for said Purpose
- 2^{ly} Voted unanimously to Concur with the Convention fully held at Concord in their Proceedings Respecting their Regulating of Prices also voted to Chuse a Committee to take the Prices of the Necessaries of Life and other articles that may be necessary in this Town and Francis Faulkner Capt. Robbins Mash & Wit Simon Brubrook Dea. Hayward Jonas Brooks & Lieut. Royce was Chosen for the above Purpose
- 3^{ly} on the fourth article it was Propounded whether the Town will Chuse a Deputie to Represent them in the Convention to be held at Concord on the first Wednesday of October Next voted in the Affirmative and Capt. Joseph Robbins was made choice of for said Purpose
- 4^{ly} the fifth article was Propounded and voted in the Affirmative
- 5^{ly} the sixth article Passed in the Negative
- 6^{ly} the seventh Article Passed in the Negative
- 7^{ly} the eighth Article was voted in the Affirmative

Udon August 4th 1779

then the Select men appointed a Town Meeting to be at the Meeting House in said Town on Monday the Ninth Day of this Instant August at five of the Clock in the afternoon To Consider and Determine on the following Article (viz)

- 1st To Chuse a Moderator for to Govern said meeting
- 2^{ly} To See if the Town will accept of the Report of the Committee that was Chosen at our Last Town meeting To Regulate the Prices of the Necessaries of Life and other articles and such Provision for carrying the Resolves of the Late Convention at Concord into Effect as the Town shall think Proper when met
- 3^{ly} To See if the Town will agree to Chuse a Committee to defend the Town in an Action commenced against said Town by Oliver & Peter Jones or Come into any Method for settling said affair or Pass any votes that may be thought Proper when met

Udon August 9th 1779

at a General Town Meeting at the Meeting House in said Town it being warned by recall to the vote of said Town Mr. Eph^m Hosmer was Chosen Moderator and Proceeded as follows

- 1^{ly} the Report of the Committee being Read was accepted by a Vote of the Town and the Committee of Correspondence with Francis Faulkner Capt. Simon Hunt Simon Tittle & John Hayward were Chosen a Committee To Carry the of the Convention & of this Town Respecting the Regulating of Prices
- 2^{ly} Voted that the Select with Capt. Robbins Capt. Hunt & William Baker Simon Tittle John Hayward & Mr. Royce be a Committee To See how they can settle with Peter Jones Respecting his Tour in the Publick Service that he has sed the Town for and Report to the Town at the next meeting

Aston Sep^r 19th 1779

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then the select men appointed a Town Meeting to be at the Meeting House in said Town on Monday the 25th Day of Sep^r Instant at Eight of the Clock in the morning to Consider and Determine on the following articles

- 5th To Choose a Moderator for to Govern said Meeting
- 2^d To See if the Town will Procure as much as they can of the Supplies of Life that they can spare and send them to Boston to relieve the distressed Inhabitants of that Town
- 3^d To See if the Town will order the Apportion to Apport the Town for the money the Committee has agreed to Pay to four men for two months service for this Town in the Army at Rhode Island
- 4th To See if the Town will Pass any Resolves respecting the Conduct of m^r Samuel Piper in carrying a Load of Rum which is Private Property out of this State Contrary to the Advice of the Committee and accounts of the Inhabitants of this Town and let in any Declaration upon said Piper's Conduct as the Town shall think reasonable when met

Aston Sep^r 21st 1779

at a general Town meeting at the meeting House in said Town it being warned agreeable to a vote of this Town Capt Simon Hunt was Chosen Moderator and Proceeded as follows

- 2^d voted that this Town will Supply the Town of Boston with such articles of the Supplies as they can spare voted that a Committee be Chosen to procure such Work for the above Purpose & Lieut Daniel Davies Samuel C. Jones & John Decker was Chosen accordingly

3rd the third article was Propounded and Passed in the affirmative

- 4th the fourth article was Referred for further Consideration to the first Monday in October and the meeting was adjourned to that Day at three of the Clock in the afternoon

Aston October 5th 1779

the Town Being met according to adjournment the above article was taken into Consideration and Dismissed

Aston Nov^r 5th 1779

then the select men appointed a Town meeting to be at the meeting House in said Town on Monday the Eighth Day of November Instant at one of the Clock in the afternoon to Consider and Determine on the following articles

- 1st To Choose a Moderator for to Govern said meeting
- 2^d To See if the Town will comply with the Resolves of the Convention held at Concord on the Sixth Day of October Last respecting the Regulation of Prices and Pass any votes relating to the Rating of the Prices of the Supplies of Life Labour and any other things in this Town that the Town shall think proper when met
- 3^d To See if the Town will order the Apportion to Apport the Town for all the sums of money that the Committee have Paid & Engaged to Pay to men that are gone into the Public Service for this Town

Acton ~~October~~ Nov^r 1st 1777

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at a general Town meeting at the meeting
House m^r Eph^m Norman was Chosen Moderator
and Proceeded as follows

- 2 Voted unanimously to Comply with the Resolves
of the Last Convention Held at Concord to
Regulate Prices also voted that Ezra Faulkner
Capt Robbins Nath^l Edwards John Adams
James Truthmes Oliver Jones John Heald
Jonas Brooks and Dea Brabrook be a Committee
for to State this in this Town

- 3 voted in the Affirmative and the meeting
was adjourned to Monday y^e 22nd Day of Nov^r Instant
to hear the Reports of the Committee respecting
their Stating the Prices in this Town and to act
thereon.

Acton Nov^r y^e 22nd 1777

the Town Being met. Agreeable to their Adjourn-
ment voted that the meeting be further adjourned
to the 20th Day of December Next. and it was
adjourned accordingly

Acton Decem^r y^e 20th 1777

the Town Being met. According to adjournment
voted that this meeting be Dissolved and it was
Dissolved accordingly

Acton January y^e 21st 1780

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Then the Select men appointed a Town Meeting to be at
the meeting House in said Town on Tuesday the 25th Day of
this Instant January at one of the Clock in the Afternoon
to Consider and Determine on the following Articles

- 1st To Chuse a Moderator for to Govern said meeting
2^d To be if the Town will Raise a Sum of Money to make good
that Part of the Rev^d m^r Adams' Settlement that is to
be Laid out in Building him a Dwelling House and
Pay any other votes that may be thought Proper when
met. Pertaining to Settling with the workmen that have
Don Labour on said House
3^d To be How much money the Town will Give Day the Last
Detachment of Soldiers that went into the Public Service
for this Town
4th To hear the Reports of the Committee that was Chosen to Compute
the Rev^d m^r Adams' Salary for the Defunct year and act
thereon and Pass any votes that the Town shall think Proper
when when met
5th To be if the Town will Impower the Overseers to assess the
Town for the several Bounties that the Select men have
Paid the Soldiers the year Past by order of the General Court
6th To be if the Town will Raise a Sum of money to Build
the School House in m^r Sam^l Fitch's Society

Acton January y^e 23rd 1780

at a general Town Meeting at the Meeting House in
said Town m^r Ephraim Norman was Chosen Moderator
and the meeting was adjourned to Monday the 31st Day
of January Instant at one of the Clock in the afternoon

Acton January y^e 31st 1780

Turn over

Acton January 31 1780

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the Town Being met according to adjournment by reason of the severity of the winter the Town adjourned the meeting to the House of Caroline Bissell in order to do the Business and Proceeded as follows

- 2 on the second Article it was voted to allow the artificers that work at the Rev. Mr Adams' house 15 Dollars p. Day & 10 Dollars for common Labourers 24/p. mile for carting voted three thousand Pounds to make good the one thousand Pounds of the Rev. Mr Adams' Settlement
- 3 voted to the men that went into the Publick service in the last Settlement 20 Pounds to each of them who had not had but 30 Pounds before
- 4 voted three thousand five hundred & sixty to Pounds to the Rev. Mr Adams for his salary this present year
- 5 the fifth Article was Propounded and Passed in the affirmative
- 6 the sixth Article they to the next annual meeting

Acton February 4th 1780

Then the Select men appointed a Town meeting to be at the meeting House in said Town on the first Monday of March Next at one of the Clock in the afternoon to consider and determine on the following Articles

- 1 To Chuse a Moderator for to govern said meeting
- 2 To Chuse Town officers for the year ensuing
- 3 To see if the Town will agree to work at the High ways by a. that this present year also to see how much money the Town will keep to repair said High ways and Pass any votes that may be thought proper when not relating to that affair

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1st To see if the Town will agree to Chuse a Committee to settle accounts with the Town Treasurer and to whether & how much the Town is in Debt

2nd To see if the Town will agree to let the wine there at less than the present year

Acton March 4th 1780

at a general Town Meeting at the meeting House in said Town it being legally warned as appeared by the Returns of the Constables on their Returns Mr Ephraim Warner was Chosen Moderator and Proceeded as follows

- 2nd Francis Featherer was Chosen Town Clerk and Select men Mr Jones Brooks Deacon Joseph Brabrook Mr Saml. Parlin & Lieut John Steele Jr was Chosen Select men Mr Francis Featherer Jones Brooks & Saml. Parlin was Chosen Appraisers George Robbins & John Davis was Chosen Constable Capt. Joseph Robbins Freeholder Heald Oliver Jones Daniel Davis & Seth Brooks were Chosen a Committee of Correspondence James Featherer Peter Lewis Saml. Wheelwright John Heald Saml. Piper John Davis & Lieut. Benj. Brabrook were Chosen Surveyors of High way and Collectors of the High way Rate Abraham Haywood & Daniel Davies was Chosen Assessor Samuel Wright & Elias Bonest was Chosen Tithingmen Lieut Simon Tuttle Town Treasurer Mark White Siler of wait & Messrs James Davis & Jonathan Cheffin was Chosen Fire warders Saml. Jones Jr & Lieut John Steele Jr was Chosen Bullies of Hops & Staves Daniel Davies & Seth Brooks Surveyors of Clubboards & Shingles Eschell Davis Jr Informer of Deer Simon Hunt & Ebenezer Heald Haymakers

- 3 voted to work at the High ways by a. that this present year allocated 800 Pounds to repair the High ways also voted that the ways for a man shall be four Pounds ten shillings p. Day and for ones Pair of Oxen & Cart the same sum until the first Day of September the remainder of the year one Quarter Day

- 4th voted that Capt Simon Hunt, Capt Joseph Robbins, Francis Faulkner, Lieut Thomas Hoyer & Samuel Parlin be a Committee to settle with the Town Treasurers
- 5th voted that the Swine Run at Large this present year

Acton April 4th 17th 1780

Then the Select men appointed a Town Meeting to be at the Meeting House in said Town on Friday the Twentieth day of this Instant April at one of the clock in the afternoon to consider and determine on the following articles

- 1 To chuse a Moderator for to govern said meeting
- 2 To take into consideration the Declaration of Rights and Plan of Government Prepared by the Convention to be laid before the People of this State for their Approbation or Disapprobation and to act thereon as the Town shall think proper when met.
- 3 To chuse a Committee to provide for the Soldiers families that are engaged in the Continental Service for this Town during the war
- 4 To see if the Town will abate the Mansester Rates of m^r John Robbins and others for the year 1779 agreeable to their Petition which will be laid before the Town at the meeting
- 5 To see if the Town will agree to pay to m^r John Robbins and Aaron Jones the sum of ten Dollars each for the horses that will be led before the Town at the meeting
- 6 To see if the Town will agree to abate the Rates of m^r Henry Clitchee, Robert Cheffer and John Davis for the year 1779 and for the future agreeable to their Request which will be laid before the Town at the meeting
- 7 To see if the Town will agree to discharge m^r Samuel Fitch from all the war Rates in this Town for three years past upon his paying for the Twenty Eighth Part of all the clothing that this Town has been called upon for, and have provided for the Continental Army for three years past and his paying the Twenty Eighth of all his money that hath been given by the General Court of this State to the Twenty Fifth which was the Rate of m^r Fitch for the Town in said Army & Discharge vote that

Acton April 29th 1780

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at a Legal Town meeting at the meeting House in said Town it being legally warned as appeared by the Returns of the Constables on their warrants m^r Ephraim Norman was chosen moderator and proceeded as follows

- 1 The Declaration of Rights and Plan of Government being read to the Town the articles was adjourned for further Consideration to the 13th day of May next
- 2 For soled that Jonathan Norman, Joseph Robbins, Nathl Edward, Stephen Law Jr and Isaac French be a Committee to provide for the Soldiers families agreeable to law
- 3 The fourth article was put and passed in the Negative
- 4 The fifth article being put passed in the Negative
- 5 The sixth article passed in the Negative
- 6 The seventh article was deferred

Acton May 15th 1780

the Town being met according to adjournment for a further Consideration of the Plan of Government having debated upon the same adjourned the meeting to the Twenty Ninth day of May next

Acton May 29th 1780

the Town being met according to adjournment the Declaration of Rights and Plan of Government was put to a vote and more than two thirds of the voters present gave their vote for every article

Acton May 15th 1780

Then the Select men appointed a Town meeting to be at the meeting House in said Town on the first Monday of May Instant at one of the clock in the afternoon to consider and determine on the following articles

- 1 To chuse a Representative with the District of Berlyffe
- 2 To chuse a Moderator for to govern said meeting
- 3 To see how much money the Town will raise to defray the necessary Charges that have arisen or may arise this present year within the same

- 4 To See how much money the Town will raise to support a reading and writing school this present year and pass any other votes that may be thought proper when met relating to said school
- 5 To See if the Town will abate the Poll Tax of Samson Wheeler for the year past for reasons he may offer at the meeting
- 6 To See if the Town will accept of m^r Daniel Barker to serve Constable in the Room of John Davis
- 7 To See if the Town will choose a Surveyor in the Room of Silas Low who refuses to take the Oath
- 8 To See if the Town will raise a sum of money to build the School House in m^r Samuel Fitch's Society referred to this meeting
- 9 To See if the Town will abate the Rates of m^r Daniel Lock for his Poll the year past
- 10 To See if the Town will pay to the Committee that was chosen to supply the Soldiers families the current Price of the Articles they provided when they shall receive their money

Aiton May 29th 1780

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Aiton & District of Carlisle Capt Simon Hunt was chosen Representative and then said Town of Aiton chose m^r Ephraim Hosmer Moderator and proceeded on the Articles of the above warrant as follows

- 1 Voted to act on the ^{first} Article and m^r Simon Hayward was chosen Surveyor in the Room of Titus Lewis and took the Oath and the meeting was adj^d to the 2^d Day of June Next at one of the

Aiton June 26th 1780

The Town being met according to adjournment proceeded as follows the third and fourth Articles was referred to the next meeting in September Next at one of the Clock in the afternoon

- 5 The Question was put on the 5th Article and passed in the affirmative

- 6 The Question was put Whether the Town will accept or m^r Daniel Barker for a Constable in the Room of m^r John Davis and it passed in the affirmative and said Barker immediately took the Oath
- 7 Voted that the Committee that was employed to build a School House in m^r Samuel Fitch's Society do hire money in behalf of the Town to pay said m^r Samuel Fitch for what he has done towards building said School House
- 9 The ^{ninth Article} was put and passed in the affirmative
- 10 was put and passed in the affirmative

Aiton June 10th 1780

then the select men appointed a Town Meeting to be at the meeting House in said Town on Monday the 12th Day of June next at nine of the Clock in the morning to consider and determine on the following Articles

- 1 To choose a Moderator for to govern said meeting
- 2 To See if the Town will agree to choose a Committee to hire men for the army the ensuing year whenever they may be called upon for the same and what method they will come into to raise the men they are now called upon for and pass any votes the Town shall think proper when met
- 3 To See if the Town will agree to procure the clothing for the army the select men are called upon for and pass any votes that may be thought proper when met

Aiton June 12th 1780

at a general Town meeting at the meeting House in said Town m^r Ephraim Hosmer was chosen moderator and proceeded as follows

- 2 Capt Daniel Davis was chosen m^r Seth Brooks & John Abraham Haywood was chosen a Committee to hire men for the army the ensuing year also voted that the Town will fulfill the contracts said Committee shall make to pay the men they shall hire for this Town to serve in the army and the meeting was adjourned to Monday the 6th Day of June instant at four of the Clock in the afternoon

Acton June 17th 1780

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Then the select men appointed a Town Meeting to be at the meeting House in said Town on Tuesday the 20th Day of this Instant June at five of the Clock in the afternoon to consider and determine on the following articles

1. To chuse a Moderator for to govern said meeting
- 2^d To see if the Town will agree to raise a sum of money to hire men for the Army and pay any votes that may be thought proper when met. relating to the hiring money and expens the Town for the same for the above purpose

Acton June 20th 1780

at a legal Town Meeting at the Meeting House in in said Town m^r Eph^r Hosmer was chosen Moderator

2. on the second article the Town voted Ten Thousand Pounds to be raised to hire men for the Army also voted that the Officers do immediately levy the Town for the above sum and the meeting was adjourned to the 26th Day of June Instant at four of the Clock in the afternoon

Acton June 26th 1780

the Town Being met according to adjournment adjourned again to Monday the 3rd Day of July Next at five a Clock afternoon

Acton July 3rd 1780

the Town Being met according to adjournment voted Ten Thousand Pounds to immediately expend under the for the purpose of hiring men for the Army and that the Officers do levy all Polls that have been in since the last previous year taken and the meeting was adjourned to Monday the 10th Day of July Instant at four of the Clock afternoon

Acton July 10th 1780

the Town Being met according to adjournment the meeting was dissolved

Acton August 4th 1780

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Then the ^{select men} appointed a Town meeting to be at the meeting house in said Town on the first Monday of September next at one of the Clock in the afternoon to consider and determine on the following articles

- 1st for the Town to give in their votes for a Governor but Governor Senator & Councilors agreeable to the Direction of the new Constitution.
- 2 To chuse a moderator for to govern said meeting
- 3 To see how much money the Town will raise to defray the necessary charges that have or may arise this present year within the same M^o to their meeting
- 4 To see how much money the Town will raise to support a Reading and a writing School this present year M^o to their meeting
- 5 To see if the Town will raise a sum of money to build the School house in m^r Samuel Titch's Society M^o to their meeting
- 6 To see if the Town will agree upon a new Place for the School house to stand in m^r Sam^l Titch's Society to accommodate a number of families that belong to the Society taken of to Carlisle and pay any votes that may be thought proper when met. relating to that affair
- 7 To see if the Town will agree to procure Clothing for the Army agreeable to the order of the General Court
- 8 To see if the Town will free m^r Samuel Titch from the minister's rates in this Town for the year he may give at the meeting

Acton Sept: 4th 1780

at a General Town meeting at the meeting of the meeting house in said Town it being legally warned as appears by the Returns of the Constable on this warrant the Town proceeded as follows 1st the Town brought in their votes for the Hon^{ble} John Hancock for Governor 54 votes for Sam^l Mollen Dy 2nd Governor 34 do for Senator Hon^{ble} Josiah Allen 35th Abraham Fuller 36th do Oliver Brooks 32 Nath^l Gorham 35th Leami Baldwin 30 John Cumary 7 Oliver Barron 3 winflow Brigham then the Town proceeded and chose m^r Eph^r Hosmer moderator turn over

7. on the seventh article it was Propounded ³²¹ whether the Town will Procure the clothing for the army they are called upon for voted in the affirmative and then it was voted to give 350 Dollars a Piece for ten Blanketts 5 Pounds of wool in each of them & will sell 4 Yards then voted to Purchase 20 Cotton & Linen Shirts 3 1/2 yards 3 Quarters wide in each Shirt 20 Pair of good wollen Stockings and 20 Pair good Shoes of the Persons that will Procure them the Cheapest and m^r William Baker agreed to make said ~~Shirts~~ Shirts for £31:19:00 Shirt 20 Pair of Stockings for Eighteen Pounds p^r Pair and 20 Pair of Shoes for £27:00 p^r Pair then the Town voted that M^r Simon Gullt, Samuel Fitch, Benjⁿ Hayward, Stephen Law and Lieut John Hild be a Committee to Examine all said Clothing and if according to the Agreement to receive it for the Town and then the Town voted to 2600 to be paid to day for said Clothing and the meeting was adjourned to the sixteenth day of October at one of the clock in the afternoon.

Acton October 4th 1790
the Town being met according to the adjournment
Proceeded as follows

- 3 on the 3rd article voted seven thousand Pounds to Defray the necessary Charges the Present year.
- 4 voted Two thousand Pounds to support a Reading and writing School
- 5 Passed in the Negation
- 6 voted that a Committee be Chosen to view the Situation of the School Society to which m^r Sam^l Fitch belongs and Report to the town where a School House must stand to accommodate said Society and voted that J^r Hawthorne Eph^r Holmes Deⁿ Hayward Oliver Jones and Jones Brooks be a Committee for said Purpose.
- 8 Ref^d to the next meeting

Acton Sept^r 4th 30th 1790

then the select men appointed a Town meeting to be at the meeting House in said Town on Monday the 16th day of October next at one of the clock afternoon

to consider and Determine on the following articles ³²²

- 1 To be if the Town with the District of Barly will agree to Chuse a Representative to represent said Town and District in the grates and General Court to be held at the State house in Boston on the 28th of October next
- 2 To Chuse a Moderator for to Govern said meeting
- 3 to be how much money the Town will raise for the new m^r Adams Salary this Present year and Pass any vote respecting the making good said Salary that may be thought proper when met
- 4 To be if the Town will Provide a Seat for the new m^r Adams Family in the meeting house and Pass any vote that may be thought proper when met. Relating to that affair
- 5 To be if the Town will receive of Sam^l Jones a sum of money that he has of the Inhabitants for Rates that is out of Lawful-
tion

Acton October 4th 1790

at a general Town meeting at the meeting House in said Town the being legally warned as appeared by the Returns of the Constables on their warrants Capt Simon Hunt was Chosen Representative

- 2 m^r Eph^r Holmes was Chosen Moderator and Proceeded as follows
- 3 voted that Samuel Hayward Francis Hawthorne Joseph Brabrook Thomas Hayes Seth Brooks Jones Brooks Capt John Hayward be a Committee to settle with m^r Adams for his salary and Report to the ^{next} adjournment
- 4 m^r John Dexter gave Liberty for the new m^r Adams family to use his Pew
- 5 the fifth article was Propounded and Passed in the Negation and the meeting was adjourned to Monday the 6th day of Nov^r next at two of the clock in the afternoon
Acton Nov^r 6th 1790 the Town being met according to adjournment voted on the 3rd article to give the new m^r Adams the sum of ten thousand Pounds for his salary the Present year

Acton, October 13th 1780

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then the select men appointed a Town meeting to be at the meeting house in said Town on Thursday the fifth Day of October Instant at three of the Clock in the afternoon to consider and determine on the following articles

- 1 To Chuse a moderator for to govern said meeting
- 2 To see if the Town will Provide 6000 Pounds of Beef for the army agreeable to a Resolv of the General Assembly of this State of the 25th Day of Sept^r 1780 and Pass any votes that may be thought Proper when met Relating to that affair

Acton October 13th 1780

at a legal Town meeting at the meeting House in said Town m^r Eph^m Holmes was chosen moderator and Proceeded as follows

- 2 voted that this Town shall be Taxed for the sum of ten thousand six hundred Pounds to Purchase the Beef specified in said article and that said money be collected and Paid to the Treasurer in one month from this Day voted that the officers be Assess the Town for the above sum by the next Town Tax Bill also voted to Give m^r William Baker one Hundred & Sixty eight Pounds p^r 100 for the 6000 Pounds of Beef upon his Delivering the same to the Committee or their Agents

Acton Nov^r 19th 1780

then the select men appointed a town meeting to be at the meeting House in said Town on Monday the 20th Day of this Instant November at one of the Clock in the afternoon to consider and determine on the following articles

- 1 To Chuse a moderator for to govern said meeting
- 2 To see if the Town will Raise a sum of money sufficient to Pay the Obligations that the Towns Committee have Given to the men whom they engaged to serve in the army for this Town this present year and Pass any votes that may

- 3 To see if the Town will give to m^r Samuel Fitch and the Vest of the School to which he Belongs the Rates they have Paid for supporting the School in this Town for a number of years Past and Pass any votes that may be thought Proper when met Relating to that affair

- 4 To see if the Town will agree that those families in the North East Part of this Town that did Belong that did Belong to the School Society that is sd. of to the Defect of Careless be joined to m^r Samuel Fitch School Society and that the School House be Built as near the Center of said Society as will best Accomodate the whole as also to see if the Town will Build said School house and Raise money for that Purpose and Pass any votes that may be thought Proper when met Relating to that affair

Acton November 20th 1780

at a General Town meeting at the meeting house in said Town Capt Simon Hunt was Chosen Moderator

- 2 voted that M^r Josiah Hayward Jun^r Hayward Nath^l Edwards and Jones Brooks be a Committee to Estimate the Debt of this Town who Reported him at 70 Dollars p^r Bushels and then it was voted that the Town shall be Assess for thirty thousand Pounds to Pay the Solder that this Towns Committee have hired for the army this present year voted that a Committee of five men be Chosen to Purchase this to Pay said Solder voted that Capt Robbins in Jones Brooks Capt Samuel Davis & Lieut. M^r Hoys be a Committee for that Purpose

- 3 it was Proposed whether the Town will give to the families that Belong to m^r Sam^l Fitch School Society the money they have Paid for schooling in this Town for five years Past voted in the Affirmative

- 4 voted that Lieut John Heald Jeremiah Davies Capt Sam^l Davis and James Davis be joined to m^r Sam^l Fitch School Society voted that the School House be sit as near the Center of said Society as will best Accomodate the same voted that Capt Robbins Lieut Hoys & Sam^l Brabrook be a Committee to Raise upon the Plan for the to stand on and Report to the Town

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voted that Capt. Robbins be added to the Committee that
was formerly chosen to aid School House also voted
one thousand Pounds towards Build ing said house

Aiton Dec^r 7th 1780

then the select men appointed a Town meeting
to be at the meeting House in said town on Thursday
the 14th Day of this Instant December at nine of the
Clock in forenoon to consider and determine on
the following articles

- 1 to Choose a moderator for to govern said meeting
- 2 to see what method the town will come into to raise
men for three years to serve in the Continental
army and raise money for that Purpose and Pass
any votes that may be thought Proper when met
relating to that affair
- 3 to see if the Town will free Mr Samuel Fitch from
paying the minister Rates in this town for his share
he may offer at the meeting

Aiton December 14th 1780

at a Legal Town meeting at the meeting house in
said town Francis Faulkner was Chosen moderator and
Proceeded as follows

- 2 the Question was Put whether the town will raise their
elves in order to raise our quota of men to serve three
years in the Continental army and it Passed in the
negative then the Town voted eleven thousand Pounds
to be used for hiring said men also voted that Capt
Joseph Robbins James Billings Capt Daniel Davies
Lieut David Turbush William Baker Aaron Jones
N John Robbins be a Committee for ~~that~~ Purpose
of hiring men for said service
- 3 the Question was Put whether the Town will free
Mr Sam^l Fitch from paying minister Rates in
this town and it Passed in the Negative and the
meeting was adjourned three weeks from this at two Clock
afternoon

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Aiton January 4th 1781
the Town Being met agreeable to the adjournment
the meeting was Dissolved

Aiton Dec^r 28th 1780

then the select men appointed a Town meeting to
be at the meeting house in said town on Wednesday
the 27th Day of this Instant December at two of the
Clock in the afternoon to consider and determine on
the following articles

- 1 To Choose a Moderator for to govern said meeting
- 2 To see if the Town will procure a quantity of Beef agree-
able to a Resolve of the General Court of this 1st Day of
Decem^r 1780 and Pass any votes that may be thought
Proper when met relating to that affair

Aiton Dec^r 27th 1780

at a Legal Town meeting at the meeting house in said
Town Francis Faulkner was Chosen moderator and
Proceeded as follows

- 2 the Question was Put whether the Town will raise
sixteen thousand and three Hundred Pounds to purchase
the Beef agreeable to the order of the General Court
and it Passed in the affirmative

Aiton January 29th 1781

then the select men appointed a Town meeting to be at the meeting
house in said town on the first Day of February next at one of
the Clock in ~~the~~ the afternoon to consider and determine
on the following articles

- 1 To Choose a Moderator for to govern said meeting
- 2 To see what further measures the Town will agree upon to raise
their Quota of men for the Continental army for three years
or during the present war and Pass any votes that may be
thought Proper when met relating to the raising said men

- 3 To See if the Town will give the Select. Committee Same Pay for their Extraordinary Trouble and Expenses in Collecting taxes for this Town and Pay any votes that may be thought proper when met.

Acton February 1st 1781

at a General Town meeting at the meeting house in said Town Francis Faulkner was Chosen Moderator.

- 2 the Question being put whether the Town will bless themselves for the Purpose of hiring the number of men for to serve three years in the Army of the United States agreeable to a Late Resolve of the General Assembly of this Commonwealth and it being in the Negative then the Town voted an Addition of Eight men to the Committee for hiring the men aforesaid & Francis Faulkner, Dea. Sam^l Hayward, Dea. Brabrook, Licut. Roger John Dutey, Joseph Barker, Capt. Hunt, & Joseph Robbins & was Chosen also voted that Capt. Hunt, Capt. Robbins & Francis Faulkner be a Committee to hire one thousand Silver Dollars to pay the men to be raised as aforesaid
- 3 the third article was referred to next meeting and the meeting was adjourned to Monday the 12th Day of February Instant.

Acton February 12th 1781

the Town being met according to Adjournment chose m^r Ebenezer Hall to Joine the Committee for hiring the three years men for the Army and the meeting was dissolved.

Acton February 15th 1781

then the Select men appointed a Town meeting to be at the meeting house in said Town on Monday the 19th Day of February Instant at one of the Clock in the afternoon to consider and determine on the following articles

- 1 To Chuse a Moderator for to govern said meeting
- 2 To See what further Measures the Town will come into to procure their Number of men for the Continental Army for three years or during the war and Pay any votes that may be thought proper when met. Relating to hiring said men

- 3 To See if the Town will agree to Pay a sum of money to Mr. Jones that the Select men Borrowed of him to his men for the Army in the year 1777 and Give an order for the Payment of said money in the year 1778 and Pay any votes that may be thought proper when met. Relating to settling said affair

Acton February 19th 1781

at a Legal Town meeting at the meeting house in said Town Francis Faulkner was Chosen moderator and the Town Proceeded as follows

- 2 the 2nd article was first for further Consideration to the first Monday of March next at four of the Clock in the afternoon
- 3 voted that Mess^{rs} Jonas Brook, Joneth^l Thomas & Samuel Fitch be a Committee to settle with Peter Jones respecting his note he has against the Town

Acton March 4th 1781

The Town being met according to Adjournment the Question was put whether the Town will bless a Committee to assist the Appraisers in blessing the Inhabitants for the Purpose of hiring this Towns Number of men to serve three years in the Army of the United States voted in the affirmative and Capt. Simon Hunt, Mess^{rs} Eph^m Thomas, Simon Fitch & Sam^l Dyer Licut. John Hall was Chosen for said Purpose also voted that if any bless in this Town shall be so unfortunate as not to procure their men (after using their best Endeavors to hire on) that they shall not be subjected to pay any more then their Proportion of the fine and the Charges that the several blessers are put to in hiring and Pay their men in this Town

Acton February 16th 1781

then the Select men appointed a Town meeting to be at the meeting house in said Town on the first Monday of March next at one of the Clock in the afternoon to consider and determine on the following articles

- 1 To Chuse a moderator for to govern said meeting

2 To Chose Town officers for the year ensuing

3 To Se if the Town will agree to work at the High ways by a Rate this Present year also how much money the Town will raise to Repair said high ways and Pass any votes that may be thought Proper when met. Relating to that affair

4 To Se if the Town will raise a Sum of money to Pay those Persons that have lent money to the Town and have not had it and make up the Depreciation and Pass any votes that may be thought Proper when met. Relating to that affair

5 To Se if the Town will accept of a high way laid out by the Select men to accommodate James Barret Esq according to the Return of said way at the meeting

6 To Se if the Town will discontinue the high way that was that was formerly laid out to accommodate Cotton Proctor for a number of years or during the Towns Pleasure for reasons that may be given at the meeting

7 To Se if the Town will agree to Purchase that Part of the Schoolhouse near Lieut John Heald that belongs to Carleff or sell the Part of said house that belongs to this Town and Pass any votes that may be thought Proper when met

8 To Se if the Town will agree that the Heale Estate belong to Joseph Heald for the support of his family

9 To Se if the Town will agree to let the swine run at large this Present year

Atton. March 4th 1791 at a Legal Town meeting at the meeting house in said Town Mr Eph^m Komer was chosen moderator and Proceeded as follows

2 Francis Southwick was chosen Town Clerk Francis Southwick Jones Brooks and Joseph Brabrook were chosen select men & Messrs James Brooks John Heald & James Billings as Constables Mr Eph^m Komer Daniel Shepard John Hayward & Samuel Titick Benjⁿ Brabrook Sam^l Wright & Joseph Barker were

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Chosen. Committee of Correspondance Sam^l Wright & David Forbush Jr were Chosen warden Seth Brooks Samuel Piper John Adams Eph^m Komer Messrs Wood & Hazen. Wheely & Samuel Titick Chosen Surveyors of high ways and Collectors of the high way Rate Simon Little Town Treasurer Joseph Barker Collector of waste and Messrs Jonathan Komer & Samuel Wright were Chosen fire viewers Lieut Benjⁿ Brabrook & Peter Flaher were Chosen Cutters of Hoops & Slaves Capt Daniel Davies and Peter & Nathaniel Edwards Surveyors of Clubboards & Shingles Daniel Shepard Esq. Sheriff John Hayward and Seth Brooks Hoyerkin and sworn as the Law Clerk

1 article Read to the next meeting

2 the Road accepted Provided that James Barret Esq shall Secure and Defend the Town from all Cost and Charge that may arise in Purchasing Land and Repairing said Road

3 voted on the Sixth article that Mr Seth Brooks David Forbush and Samuel Titick be a Committee to Enquire into the Responsibility of the Messrs in said article and Report to the Town Before this meeting is Dissolved

4 voted that Lieut John Heald & Mr Edwards & Seth Brooks to Purchase of Sell the Schoolhouse near Lieut Healds agreeable to the article

5 voted that the Swine Run at Large this Present year and the meeting was adjourned to Friday the 9th Day of March Instant.

Atton. March 9th 1791

The Town being met according to adjournment

1 on the 8th article voted that the Heale Estate of Joseph Heald be sold for the support of his family

2 Referred to the next meeting and the meeting was adjourned to Friday 16th Instant at four a Clock afternoon

March 16th 1791 The Town being met according to adjournment adjourned again to Friday the 20th Instant at a Clock afternoon

Atton. March 20th 1791 The Town being met according to adjournment of James Billings as Constable in the Room

Aston March 23 1781

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then the select men appointed a Town meeting to be at the meeting house in said town on the first Monday of April next at one of the clock in the afternoon to consider and determine on the following articles

- 1 For the Town to give in their votes for a Governor Lieut Governor and Senators agreeable to the Constitution of this Commonwealth
- 2 To chuse a moderator for to govern said meeting
- 3 To see if the Town will raise a sum of money to pay those persons who have lent money to the Town and how not. that it and make up the Depreciation and Pass any votes that may be thought proper when met. Relating to that affair Ref^d to this meeting

Aston April 2 1781

at a legal Town meeting for the Purpose of chusing a Governor Lieut Governor and Senators agreeable to the Constitution of this Commonwealth

- 1 The Town brought in their votes for a Governor Lieut Governor and Senators
Governor — 39 votes
for his Excellency John Hancock Esq^r — 31 Do
for Azor Orne Esq^r Lieut Governor — 31 Do

Sensors

the Hon^{le} Josiah Stone Esq^r — 27 votes Maj Joseph Hosmer
27 Do Francis Faulkner Esq^r 15 Do Oliver Baron Esq^r 12 Do
Hon^{le} Nathl Gorham Esq^r 12 Do the Hon^{le} James Prescott Esq^r
11 Do the Hon^{le} Abraham Fuller Esq^r 6 Do Dea^r William
Brown 10 Do Thomas Plinton Esq^r 4 Do John Luning Esq^r
1 Do Elmer Brooks Esq^r Do

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then the select men appointed a Town meeting to be at the meeting house in said town on Tuesday 15th May of this instant may at one of the clock in the afternoon to consider and determine on the following articles

- 1 To see if the Town with the District of Carlisle will agree to chuse a Representative
- 2 To chuse a Moderator for to govern said meeting
- 3 To see how much money the Town will raise to Defray the necessary Charges that may arise this Present year within the same
- 4 To see how much money the Town will raise to Support a Meeting and a writing School and Pass any votes that may be thought proper when met Relating to a School
- 5 To see if the Town will agree to make the next year Constables a Consideration for their Extraordinary Trouble in Collecting Taxes and Pass any votes that may be thought proper when met Relating to that affair Ref^d to this meeting
- 6 To see if the Town will agree to Pay some money that the Town was in debt when Carlisle was set of and Pass any votes that may be thought proper when met Relating to settling their old Debts
- 7 To see if the Town will agree that the money that is raised and the Town applied for for the Purpose of raising the three years men for the army be reimbursed to the several Clerks
- 8 To see if the Town will agree to free Mr Amos Prescott from Tax for his Poll for weapons he may offer at the meeting

Aston May 11 1781

at a legal Town meeting at the meeting house in said Town in^d Jonas Brooks was chosen Moderator

- 3 article voted one hundred Pounds to Defray the necessary Charges arising in the Town this Present year
- 4 voted Twenty eight Pounds to Support a Meeting and a writing School this Present year
- 5 voted that George Robbins & Daniel Barker Late Constables shall each of them have eight Dollars each for their Trouble in Collecting Taxes

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- 6 the Certificate was Propounded and Defid in the Negative
- 7 on the Seventh article it was voted that the sum of money that the Town should to hire the three year men for the army be appropriated to the use of Paying the Towns Debts

8 Propounded and Defid in the Negative

Acton May 7th 1781

Then the black men appointed a Town meeting to be at the meeting house in said Town, on Thursday the 31st Day of this Instant, may at three of the clock in the afternoon to consider and determine on the following article

- 1 To Chuse a Moderator for to Govern said meeting
- 2 To see if the Town will agree to Chuse an Agent or a Committee to appear at the General Court in Behalf of this Town respecting said Towns being set to Pay in the valuation that is under the Consideration of the General Court.
- 3 To see if the Town will settle with Samuel Temple James & John Fletcher respecting the obligation they have against the Town for hire and Pay any votes that may be thought proper when met
- 4 To see if the Town will allow m^r Seth Brooks his account for labour and money he expended on the said m^r Adams house with the Depreciation for Messons he may offer at the meeting

Acton May 7th 1781

at a General Town meeting at the meeting house in said Town m^r Jones Brooks was chosen moderator and Proceeded as follows

- 1 voted that Francis Faulstich & Capt Simon Hunt make application in Behalf of this Town to the General Court for an abatement of our valuation.

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- 3 voted that a Committee be chosen to have money on Purche this to Pay James & John Fletcher the full of their obligations against the Town, and Capt Samuel Davies Seth Brooks and Capt Joseph Robbins for the Purchase
- 4 Propounded and Defid in the negative

Acton July 4th 1781

Then the select men appointed a Town meeting to be at the meeting house in said Town, on Monday the 9th Day of July Instant to Consider and determine on the following articles

- 1 To Chuse a Moderator for to Govern said meeting
- 2 To see what Measures the Town will come into to raise the men that are ordered by the General Court to serve in the army of the united States three months and at Rhode Island five months and Pass any votes that may be thought proper when met relating to these affairs
- 3 To see what Measures the Town will take to Provide the Beef and Clothing for the Army that the Town is now called upon for by the General Court and Pass any votes on that affair
- 4 To see if the Town will abate the Rates of m^r Heber Chyffin for the year Past for Messons that may be offered at the meeting

Acton July 4th 1781

at a Legal Town meeting at the meeting house in said Town m^r Eph^m Horner was chosen moderator and Proceeded as follows

- 1 Propounded whether the Town will bless themselves in seven Blesses for to raise seven men to serve three months in the army of the united States agreeable to a late Resolve of the General Assembly of this Commonwealth and it Defid in the Negative and then the Question was Put whether the Town will reconsider the above votes and it Defid in the affirmative also voted that the Town will give Ephraim Ludley the sum of ten shillings that the Town of Concord give the men they hire to serve five months at Rhode Island agreeable to a late Resolve of the General Assembly of this Commonwealth to serve the five months as afore said

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and then the question was put. Whether the Town will keep themselves to keep the men afore voted in the affirmative and a committee was chosen to divide the Town into seven Clashes as equals as to Dole and Estates as may be also voted that if any of the Clashes shall be delinquent in procuring a man that they shall pay the fine that is ordered by the general Assembly for not keeping said men.

- 3 voted to Chuse a Committee to Purchase the Beef we are batted upon for to supply the army and m^r John Deater Sam^l Jones J^r and Capt. Simon Hunt. was chosen. a Committee for the Purpose aforesaid and then the meeting was adjourned to the thirteenth Day of July Instant at four of the clock in the afternoon.

Auton. July 13th 1781

the Town Being met. According to Adjournment. voted one Hundred & ten Pounds to Purchase the Beef for the army also voted that Town be immediately applied for said Sum. also voted forty five Pounds to Purchase the Clothing for the army

- 4 The forth Article was Propounded and Passed in the affirmative and then the meeting was adjourned to Monday the 16th Instant at one of the clock in the afternoon.

Auton. July 16th 1781 the Town Being met. According to adjournment voted to give those men that may engage for this Town to serve in the army agreeable to a late Resolution the bounty Price with the adjoining Town voted that the Committee reduce the seven Clashes to six and deliver a list to each Clash and the meeting was adjourned to Monday 17th Instant at five of the clock in the afternoon.

Auton. July 17th 1781

the Town Being met. According to adjournment and the meeting was dissolved

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Auton. October 2nd 1781

then the Select men appointed a Town meeting to be at the meeting house in said Town on Monday the 15th Day of this Instant October at one of the clock in the afternoon to consider and Determine on the following articles

- 1st To Chuse a Moderator for to Govern said meeting
- 2 To See if the Town shall give money to Purchase Beef for the army that they have not Procured of this last years Proportion and also the Price that is Due to the last years Soldiers on their Obligations against the Town and Pass any votes that may be thought Proper when met.
- 3 To See if the Town will reconsider a vote that was Passed at a Town meeting on the 15th Day of May last viz that the Sum of money that the Town hased to hire the three years men for the army be appropriated to the use of Paying the Towns Debt
- 4 To See if the Town will raise a Sum of money to Pay Part or the whole that the Town was Indebted when Carlisle was set of as a Distress.
- 5 To See how much money the Town will raise for the Rev. m^r Adams Salary this Present year
- 6 To See if the Town will agree that the Treasurer shall receive the money in Paper Bills that is Due to the Town from m^r Samuel Jones J^r for the year 1778 and Pass any votes that may be thought Proper when met. relating to Settling with said Jones

Auton. October 15th 1781

at a general Town meeting at the meeting house in said Town m^r Ephraim Hosmer was chosen moderator and Proceeded as follows

- 2 voted thirty ^{Pounds} to Purchase the Beef that is Due for the last year also thirty two Pounds to Purchase Price for the last years Soldiers and that the Assessors do assess the Town for the above sums vote that Capt. Robbins Lieut. May & Capt. Hunt be a Committee to Purchase the Price for the above said Soldiers
- 3 vote that the vote that was Passed the fifteenth Day of July last suspending the money that was raised to hire the three years men be reconsidered

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4 voted five Hundred Silver Dollars towards Paying the Town
Ditts also voted that, Francis Thomas John Head, Jas
Hath^l Edwards Esq. Perlin & Capt. Joseph Robbins be
a Committee to compute what sum the Town owes in
Silver money

5th the Question whether the Town will make any addition
to the Rev. m^r Adams Salary and it ~~being~~ ^{being} the negative
voted that, Capt. Hunt, Dea^r Hayward be a Committee to
compute the Rev. m^r Adams Salary by the Surplus of
Life

6th voted that, the Town Treasurer may receive the sum of
money due to the Town, from Sam^l Jones, in Bills of
the new Emigration at the Rate of forty for one

Acton December 4th 1781

then, the Select men, appointed a Town meeting to be
at the meeting house in Seed Town on Monday 4th Day
of this Instant December at one of the Clock in the
afternoon, to consider and Determine on the following
articles

- 1 To Chuse a moderator for to Govern said meeting
- 2 To Se if the Town will consider all the votes that have
been Paid at several Town meetings relating to the
Disposing of the money that the Town raised for to hire
their last three year men for the army and Pass any
vote or votes relating to the Disposing of said money
that the Town shall think Proper when met
- 3 To Se how much money the Town will raise for the Rev.
m^r Adams Salary this Present year up to this meeting
- 4 To Se if the Town will Pay to m^r Samuel Fitch the
Bounty he Paid to Overseer Wilderth to serve three year
in the Continentall Army and Pass any votes that may
be thought Proper when met. Relating to that affair

Acton December 4th 1781

at a general Town meeting at the meeting house in
Seed Town, Capt. Simon Hunt was Chosen Moderator
and Proceeded as follows

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2 the Question was Put, whether the Town will consider all
the votes that have been Paid in several Town meetings
relating to the Disposing of the money ^{that was granted} at a Town meeting
on the 14th Day of December 1780 for the Purpose of hiring
the three year men for the Continentall Army voted in
the affirmative also voted that, the Select Give order upon the
Town Treasurer towards Discharging the Town Ditts

3 the Question was Put whether the Town will grant any
addition to the Rev. m^r Adams Salary this Present year
and it Passed in the negative

4 voted to m^r Samuel Fitch Twenty Four Pound Paper
money to be Paid in Silver according to the Depreciation
Scale in the year 1777

Acton January 4th 1782

then, the Select men, appointed a Town meeting to be at the
meeting house in Seed Town on Monday the fourth Day of
February 1782 at one of the Clock in the afternoon to consider
and Determine on the following articles viz

- 1 To Chuse a moderator for to Govern said meeting
- 2 To Se if the Town will agree upon some measures to enable
the Constables for this year 1780 to complete the collection
of the Paper money that is committed to them to collect
in Silver money and Pass any other votes that may be thought
Proper when met
- 3 To Se if the Town will order that the money that is due
to the Town for Soldiers Wages shall be Disposed of towards
Discharging the Towns Ditts
- 4 To Se if the Town will agree to Purchase Glabards and
Gloss for the Rev. m^r Adams house

Acton February 4th 1782

at a legal Town meeting at the meeting house in Seed
Town, m^r Ephraim Horner was Chosen moderator and the
Town Proceeded as follows

- 2 voted that, the Paper money Tax for the year 1780 be collected
in hard money one Silver Dollar for twenty Paper Dollars and
James Faulkner Capt. Hunt, & Capt. Robbins was Chosen
a Committee to Relieve the Gravel Court to Impounded
Constables to collect said taxes in hard money as above

3 voted that, the wages that the Town has Purchased of the Sea months men for the year 1780 be disposed of to Discharge the Towns Debt

4 voted that the select men pay to the said m^r Adams the money that is due to him towards his bill on the acton February y^e 16th 1782

then the select men appointed a Town meeting to be at the meeting house in said Town on Wednesday the 20th Day of this Instant February at three of the clock in the afternoon to Consider and Determine on the following articles

1 To Chuse a Moderator for to Govern said meeting

2 To see if the Town will agree to defend m^r James Billings in Prosecuting the Deacons suspected of taking the Distress from him which he had taken for John Perkins Haler and pay any votes that may be thought when met relating to the Prosecuting said affair

Acton February y^e 20th 1782
at a general Town meeting at the meeting house in said Town m^r Eph^m Warner was Chosen Moderator and Proceeded as follows

2 voted to Chuse a Committee that Francis Faulkner and Jonas Brooks Capt. Robbins William Baker & Oliver Jones be a Committee in behalf of the Town to assist m^r James Billings in Prosecuting the Deacons suspected of taking the Distress from him as mentioned in the article of said Committee upon taking advice thereon shall think Proper

Acton February y^e 16th 1782
then the select men appointed a town meeting to be at the meeting house in said Town on the first Monday of march next at one of the clock in the afternoon to Consider and Determine on the following articles

1 To Chuse a Moderator for to Govern said meeting

2 To Chuse Town officers for the year ensuing

3 To see if the Town will agree to work at the High ways by a party this present year also how much money the Town will raise to Repair said ways and pay any votes that may be thought Proper when met relating to that affair

4 To see if the Town will agree to Repair the School house in this Town and raise money for that Purpose and pay any votes that may be thought Proper when met

5 To Receipt of a Road or Roads if any should be laid before the Town at the meeting

6 To see if the Town will give Liberty to m^r Stephen Law to improve a small yard which he has fenced in adjoining the Bridge in the Road near his house

7 To see if the Town will agree to let the Swine Run at Large this present year

8 To see if the Town will allow the Accounts of the Committee for their Expence for hiring men for the Publick Service in the year 1780

Acton march y^e 4th 1782
at the annual meeting at the meeting house in said Town m^r Ephreim Warner was Chosen Moderator and Francis Faulkner Town Clerk Francis Faulkner Jonas Brooks and Joseph Brabrook was Chosen select men & officers m^r Tho^s Noyes m^r David Forbush m^r Eph^m Warner Capt Joseph Robbins and Samuel Piper was Chosen a Committee of Correspondance m^r Simon Tuttle was Chosen Town Treasurer and m^r George Robbins Capt John Hayward m^r John Reed John Feltt Jonas Brooks Nathaniel Brooks Nathaniel Faulkner Surgeon of high ways Nathaniel Reed and David Forbush Jurwardens Joseph Barker m^r William Loring p^r Capt Daniel Davie was Chosen Constable Oliver Jones and Ebenezer Reed was Chosen tulkers of Fleet & Staves m^r Simon Tuttle & Litch Brooks was Chosen Surveyor of Glaboard & Shingles Oliver Jones & Stephen Law p^r James vever m^r Joseph Barker Dealer of warts and Messureys a Committee was Chosen Fish huff Francis Barker and Robert Robbins was Chosen Hogruvers and then the meeting was adjourned the 11th Day of march Instant at two of the clock in the afternoon March y^e 11th 1782 the Town being met according to adjournment Proceeded as follows

3 Daniel Barker was chosen constable in the Moon. of Sept. Daniel Davies
voted to repair the High. ways by a rate this present year
also voted sixty pounds to repair said highways also voted
for shillings p^r Day for a man, and three shillings p^r Day for
one pair of oxen & cart, untill the first Day of September
and two shillings & eight Pence p^r Day for a man, and three
shillings for one pair of oxen & cart the remainder of the year
the Surveyor was chosen. collectors of the High. way rate
voted that. Every man, have Liberty to work out his high-
way rate

4 voted to repair the School. house in this Town with window
shuts & Locks and Capt. Joseph Robbins Capt. Daniel Davies
Daniel Shipps Francis Southner & M^r. Southner
The. Hogg was chosen. a. Committee for said Purpose

5 voted that. m^r Stephen Law should vote to improve the
yard as it is now fenced in. the road near the bridge as
appears by the article during the Towns Disputes

7 voted that the Swine run. at Large this present year

8 the eighth article they. to may meeting and then
the meeting was adjourned to the last Monday of march
next. Instant at two of the clock in the afternoon

Acton. March. 4th 1782

the Town. being met according to adjournment
Proceeded as follows

voted that. the Surveyors be dismissed from the office as
collectors of the high way rate also voted that. Every Person.
that. is Properly notified by the Surveyor and neglects to
work out his high way rate by the first Day of December
next. Shall pay there said rates to the constable to whom
the apportion are required to give lists with warrants to
collect the same

Acton. March. 19th 1782

then the Select. men. appointed a Town. meeting to
be at. the meeting house in said Town. on. the first Monday
of April next. at two of the clock in the afternoon
to give in. their votes for a. Governor. Lieut. Governor &
Senators agreeable to the Directions in the Constitution
of this Common. wealth.

Acton. April 9th 1782

at a. general Town. meeting at the meeting house in said
Town for the Purpose of voting for a. Governor. Lieut. Governor & Senators
the following Gentlemen. were voted for

This Scaulney John Kasebeck for Governor 34 votes
Lieut. Governor Tho^s. Cushing Esq --- 20 do

Senators

the Hon ^{le} . James Prescott	9 do
the Hon ^{le} . Abner Fuller	13 do
the Hon ^{le} . Thayer Brooks	17 do
the Hon ^{le} . Josiah Stone	14 do
the Hon ^{le} . H. M ^r . Gorham	9 do
the Hon ^{le} . Joseph Norner	14 do
the Hon ^{le} . Eben ^l . Bridge	6 do
Jones Dix Esq ^r .	1
Jones Hayward Esq ^r	2

Acton. May 6th 1782

then the Select. men. appointed a Town. meeting to be
at. the meeting house in said Town. on. Thursday 9th Day
of this Instant. May at. one of the clock in the afternoon
to consider and determine on the following articles

- 1 To See if the Town. with the District. of barlett. will agree
to chuse a Representative
- 2 To chuse a moderator for to Govern said meeting
- 3 To See if the Town. will agree to rebate all the rates that. are
due from m^r Ezra Wheeler for his Dole and free him from
Dole Taxes for the future for reasons he may offer at. the
meeting
- 4 To See how much money the Town. will raise to Defray the
Necessary Charge that. have arisen. or may arise this
present year within the same and pass any votes that. may
be thought. Proper when met.
- 5 To See how much money the Town. will raise to support
a Meeting and a writing School this present year and
pass any votes that. may be thought. Proper when met relative
to said School

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6 To be if the Town will settle with m^r John Dexter and Heskiah Wheeler for their three years men that they procured for the army in the year 1787 and Pass any votes that may be thought proper when met. relating to the t^r affair

Acton May 9th 1792 at a general town and select meeting at the meeting house in said town Francis Faulkner was chosen. High constable and then the Town proceeded as follows m^r Ephraim was chosen moderator

- 1 to move the Question Put whether the Town will abate all the Rates due from m^r Ezra Wheeler for his Poll to the Day voted in the affirmative
- 2 the Town voted one Hundred Pounds to defray the necessary charges this present year
- 3 the Town voted thirty five Pounds for a meeting and writing School this present year
- 4 voted and chose a Committee to settle with Heskiah Wheeler and John Dexter and Francis Faulkner Simon Tuttle Deacon Brabrook Capt. Robbins & Jonas Brook were said Committee

Acton October 9th 1792

Taken up and proceeded with as the Law directs on the 9th Instant a Gray horse of Light Bay colour with a black face and one white hind foot with a star in his forehead and naturally trots whenever shall make it appear the horse is their Property may have him by paying all necessary charges to the Subscriber
Daniel Davies J^r holden

Acton December 9th 1792 344

then the select men appointed a Town meeting to be at the meeting house in said town on Monday the 22nd Day of December next at one of the clock in the afternoon to consider and determine on the following articles (viz)

- 1 To Chuse a Moderator for to govern said meeting
- 2 To be if the Town will agree to Chuse a Committee to settle with the Town Treasurers and Pass any votes that may be thought proper relating to regulating the Treasurers office
- 3 To be if the Town will agree to Pay Capt. Joseph Robbins M^r Simon Tuttle & Seth Brooks the Bounty for the men they hired to serve three years in the Continental army in the year 1777 and Pass any votes that may be thought proper when met. relating to Paying the men
- 4 To be if the Town will abate the minor part of m^r John Davis for two years past
- 5 To be if the Town will direct m^r George Robbins to stay the executing his warrants of Distress against Hoyer Wheeler for his Rates untill the first Day of January for the year that may be offered at the meeting
- 6 To be if the Town will abate Part or the whole of Daniel Brooks Rates that are now due for the year that he may offer at the meeting
- 7 To be if the Town will agree to abate the Rates of m^r Joseph Perry that are due to m^r James Collings by reason of his distressed circumstances

Acton December 9th 1792

at a general Town meeting at the meeting house in said town it being legally warned as appeared by the return of the constables on their warrants the Town proceeded as follows

- 1 Francis Faulkner was chosen Moderator
- 2 on the second article the Question was Put whether the Town will Chuse a Committee to settle with the Town Treasurers and it Passed in the affirmative and Francis Faulkner Seth Brooks Capt. Joseph Robbins & the above & m^r Jonas Brooks were chosen for that purpose and directed to report to the Town their Proceedings at the next meeting

- 3 on the 3 articles voted to Pay Capt. Joseph Robbins Eight Pounds which he Paid to Oliver Emerson to serve 3 years in the Continental Army in the year 1777 also voted to Pay to m^r Seth Brook what is due to him for the man he hired to serve as above agreeable to the scale of Depreciation the consideration of m^r Simon Suttles being Paid before to the next meeting
- 4 Voted that m^r George Robbins stay the Execution of his warrants for Rates against the year wheel until the select men shall signify to him that they it Proper he should do so & serve
- 5 the fifth article referred to the next meeting
- 6 It was Put whether the Town will abate Part or the whole of m^r Daniel Brooke's Rate and Paid in the negative
- 7 Voted that m^r James Billings make us Distributions for m^r Joseph Perry's Rates until the select men inform him they think it Proper

Acton February 4th 1783

then the select men appointed a Town Meeting to be at the meeting house in said Town on the first Monday of March next at one of the clock in the afternoon to consider and determine on the following articles (viz)

- 1 To Chuse a Moderator for to Govern said meeting
- 2 To Chuse Town officers for the year ensuing
- 3 To be if the Town will agree to settle with Capt Robbins respecting his hiring Oliver Emerson to serve for the Town in the army in the year 1777 by Chusing a Committee to settle the same or Pass any votes that may be thought Proper when met Relating to said affair
- 4 To be if the Town will agree to Pay to m^r Simon Suttles his Bounty for his negro men who Engaged in the army in the year 1777 or Pass any votes that may be thought Proper Relating to that affair up to this meeting

- 3 To be if the Town will abate the minister Rates of m^r John Davis for two years Past up to this meeting
- 6 To be if the Town will agree to and Raise a sum of money to Pay the money the Town has hired and remains unpaid
- 7 To be if the Town will agree to accept of the Report & Proceedings of the Committee in their settling with the Town Treasurer
- 8 To be if the Town will agree to Pay to the m^r Adams the sum of money that shall appear to be due to him for his Salary for several years Past by the way of the Depreciation of the Paper Currency or Give him Security for the same
- 9 To be if the Town will agree to work at the high way by a Rate this Present year and Raise money to Repair said high ways and Pass any votes that may be thought Proper when met Relating to that affair
- 10 To be if the Town will agree to let the Sine Run along this Present year

Acton March 4th 1783

at a General Town meeting at the meeting house in said Town it Being Legally warned as appeared by the Return of the Constables on their warrants in 1783. Thomas was Chosen Moderator & Proceeded as follows Francis Faulkner was Chosen Town Clerk Francis Faulkner Jones Brooks and Dea^r Joseph Brabrook was Chosen Select men and Messrs Abraham Hapgood Sam^l Parker and James Davis were Chosen Constables Oliver Jones & John Hunt Chosen wardens Simon Suttle was Chosen Town Treasurer Samuel Wright and Nehemiah Wheeler were Chosen Tithing men Joseph Barker Salar of waits & Messrs Dea^r Sam^l Hayward Ammi Faulkner Samuel Dyer Daniel Davis Joseph Brabrook John Harris & Josiah Hayward were Chosen Surveyors of High ways and then the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday 4th of the instant at one of the clock in the afternoon

Acton March 4th 1783 the Town being met according to adjournment Proceeded Samuel Dyer & David Torbush Jr were Chosen fence viewers

Samuel Jones & James Billing was chosen, latter of
Hooper & Slaves. Seth Brooks Surveyor of Abacoed & Harecroft
Silas Conant Fish Wagon Jonathan Fletcher & Rogers
Hayward Hog Wares and sworn as the Law Direct

- 3 on the third Article Nathl Edwards Thomas Rogers
Seth Brooks John Hayward John Deater John Adams
& Samuel Fitch was chosen to settle with Capt Joseph
Robbins respecting his Bounty that he paid to Oliver Emerson
- 4 voted to pay Mr Simon Fattle the Bounty for his negro man
which was twenty four pounds in March 1777 to be paid by
the Scale of Depreciation
- 5 Dropvoted & Disposed in the negative
- 6 voted one Hundred Pounds to pay the Town Debts and that
the Lysport do Lysport the Town for the same
- 7 in was Dropvoted whether will benefit of the Report
of the Committes respecting their Lysport with the Town
therefor and it Disposed in the affirmative
- 8 voted Eighty Pounds to be applied with the above mentioned
Sum to make up the Depreciation of the Ind. mt. Adams
Salary
- 9 voted to work at the Highways by a Rate this Present
year also voted to raise 70 Pounds to repair the ways and
every man Lysport Liberty to work out his proportion of the
above Sum at four Shillings p Day for a man untill
the last Day of August & three Shillings p Day the
Remainder of the year also for one pair of Oxen and Cart
four Shillings p Day and that the Lysport do Lysport the
Town for the said Sum by the last Invoice
- 10 voted that the Swine Run should be this Present year

March 29th 1783

then the Select Appointed a Town meeting to be at
the meeting house in said Town on the first Monday
of April next for the Inhabitants to give in their votes
for a Governor Lysport Governor & Senators

Acton April 7th 1783

at a legal Town meeting at the meeting house in said
Town for the Purpose of Electing a Governor Lysport Governor
and Senators the votes were given in as follows viz

For a Governor
His Excellency John Hancock Esq had — 48 votes
Lysport Governor
Hon^{ble} Abner Bone Esq had — 34 Do
Hon^{ble} Eleazer Brooks Esq — 180

Senators

the Hon^{ble} Joseph Stone Esq had — 28 Do
Hon^{ble} James Swift — 28 Do
Hon^{ble} Eleazer Brooks — 28 Do
Hon^{ble} Eleazer Bridges — 23 Do
Hon^{ble} Joseph Hosmer — 30 Do
Jes^{us} Willm Brown — 1
Winflow Brigham — 1
Joseph Fletcher — 1
Oliver Barron — 8
Sam^l P. Savys Esq — 1
Thomas Plimton Esq — 1

Acton March 4th 1783

To the Moderator of the Town meeting to be held this Day in
Acton Sir Please to communicate the following to the Town
Gentlemen.

The Select men having inserted an Article in
this warrant for this meeting to Lysport the Town with
to concerning the charges of my Salary &c. — I will make
the following Proposal in order to the Pleasable Settlement
of the matter viz as it appears by the Scale of Depreciation
that the Town owes me £ 67.3.3 Salary for the first year
of my May Day here and £ 50.2.6 for the second year and
£ 40 Pounds one Shilling & the same for the third year
in the whole £ 123.7.2 of which I will abate —

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 of which I will abate £43.7-2 which is some more than one
 third of the whole and reduces me to something more than the nominal
 sum one year with another for the remainder which is lightly
 bound the 1st. Exceeding need the money I will comply to take
 an obligation upon J^rtriff Baring date from the first
 day of this month and Payable in one year provided it does
 not take the Town to pay me now — and as silver money
 has been full one third depreciated takes one year with
 another ever since I have been in this Town my sufferings
 will be at least 40.0.0⁰ per year besides lying out of what
 is now due till this time which must be supposed a large
 proportion of the burden of the war upon the Towns
 complying with these proposals I will give a thank in
 full for those three last years of my Ministry

M - Release

the above is a true of the true m^o Release Letter to the
 Town att^d Francis Faulkner Town Clerk

Stow April 21st 1783
 the Subscribers Appointed by the Select of Stow to
 meet the Select men of Acton or such men as they
 should appoint to renew the Bounds Between said
 Towns met and renewed the Bounds from an old
 Tree Between Joseph Haywards & Henry Smith to the
 a heap of Stones Being the corner on Floy Hill

Luke Brooker Com^omittee
 Sam^l C. Bondy for Stow

Concord April 29th 1780 350

This Certificate sheweth that the Select men
 of the Towns of Concord & Acton or those said Select men
 appointed to demarcate the line between the said Towns
 and renewed the several marks & monuments to the
 mutual content of both Parties

Eph^m Wood } Select men
 John Buttrick } of Concord

Sam^l Jones } Those appointed
 Joseph Robbins } by Acton

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Boston May 4th 1783

Then the select men appointed a Town meeting to be at the meeting house in said Town on Monday the 12th Day of this Instant May at one of the Clock in the afternoon to consider and determine on the following articles

- 1 To see if the Town with the District of Barfitts will agree to Chuse a Representative to represent said Town & District in the great and General Court the year ensuing
- 2 To Chuse a Moderator for to govern said meeting
- 3 To see how much money the Town will raise to Defray the necessary charges that have arisen or may arise this present year within the same
- 4 To see how much money the Town will raise to support a Reading and a Writing School and Pass any votes that may be thought proper when met. Relating to said School
- 5 To see if the Town will agree to build or Purchase a Pew in the meeting house for the Rev. Mr. Moses Adams and Pass any votes that may be thought proper when met. Relating to their affair
- 6 To hear a Letter Read Sent to the Select men of this Town from the Committee of Correspondance in the Town of Boston with the Resolution of said Town. Respecting the admission of our Implacable Enemies the Refugees into this Commonwealth and to Act thereon as the Town shall think proper when met.

Boston May 4th 1783

at a General Town meeting at the meeting house in said Town it being legally warned as appeared the Returns of the Constables on their warrants Francis Faulkner was Chosen Representative and the Town proceeded as follows: Francis Faulkner was Chosen Moderator

- 3 The Town voted Eighty Pounds to Defray the necessary in the Town this present year
- 4 Voted thirty five Pounds to support a Reading and a Writing School
- 5 voted to build two Pews adjoining the Broad ally in the meeting house taking one half of the two hind Seats as one more and that Capt Robbins, Capt Hunt, & Jonas Brooks be a Committee to build said Pews
- 6 it was Propounded whether the Town will Chuse a Committee of Correspondance voted in the affirmative and Capt Joseph Robbins, Capt Simon Hunt, Mr Simon, Tuller Capt Daniels Davies & Samson Jones was Chosen & accepted

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Boston September 9th 1783

Then the select men appointed a Town meeting to be at the meeting house in said Town on Friday the Twelfth Day of September Instant at four of the Clock in the afternoon to consider and determine on the following articles (viz)

- 1 To Chuse a Moderator for to govern said meeting
- 2 To see if the Town will agree to reconsider the vote that they Pass the last May meeting Respecting the Building Pews in the Body Seats in the meeting house and build the Pews or Pews Larger than was voted and Pass any votes that may be thought proper Relating to the Building said Pews or Pews

Boston September 12th 1783

at a General Town meeting at the meeting house in said Town it being legally warned as appeared by the Returns of the Constables on their warrants Francis Faulkner was Chosen Moderator and proceeded as follows

- 2 on the second article it was voted that Capt Robbins, Lieut Dodge & Lieut Simon Tuller be a Committee to see if a Pew can be Purchased for the Rev Mr Adams and Report to the Town at the time this meeting may be adjourned to and the meeting was adjourned to Thursday next at four a Clock afternoon

Boston September 18th 1783

The Town being met according to adjournment Proceeded as follows the Town voted to four Pews in the meeting house taking the whole of the two hind Seats on the lower floor and to move the third Seat one Inch & a half forward to make more Room for said Pews also voted that the Committee that was Chosen to build the two Pews be the Committee to build the whole and that they build the Pews on a level with the adjoining Pews

Boston February 9th 1784

Then the select men appointed a Town meeting to be at the meeting house in said Town on the first Monday of March next at Twelve of the Clock to consider and determine on the following articles (viz)

- 1 To Chuse a Moderator for to govern said meeting
- 2 To Chuse Town officers for the year ensuing
- 3 To see if the Town will agree to maintain the widow Elizabeth Samson for Pensions that may be offered at the meeting

- 4 To be if the Town will agree to work at the high ways by a Rate this Present year also to be how much money the Town will raise to repair said high ways and to pay any and all any votes that may be thought Proper when met Relating that affair
- 5 To be if the Town will agree to sell three Dues that are to be built in the Body Seats on the lower floor in the meeting house and to pay any votes that may be thought Proper Relating to the selling and giving a title to the Purchasers of said Dues
- 6 to be what method the Town will take to recover Pay of those men who Purchased the two kind seats for Dues in the meeting house for the ground they took into said Dues more than they Purchased and to pay any votes that may be thought Proper when met
- 7 To be if the Town will accept of a way laid out by the Select men from Lot Thomas Hays' Land by Jonathan Sheffins to Littleton line according to the Return of said way that may be laid Before the Town at the meeting
- 8 To be if the Town will defend themselves in an action Common against them by Saml Jones Jr and to pay any votes that may be thought Proper Relating to that affair
- 9 To be if the Town will agree to let the Swine Run at Large this Present year

Aten March 9th 1784

at a General Town meeting at the meeting house in said Town it being legally warned as appeared by the Return of the Constable on their warrants m^r Ephraim Hynes was Chosen moderator and Proceeded as follows

- 2 Francis Faulkner was Chosen Town Clerk, Francis Faulkner Joseph Brabrook & Jonas Brooks was Chosen Select men & Sherrifs Capt Joseph Robbins & Lot Thomas Hays was Chosen wardens Simon Hayward Daniel Hayward Jr was Chosen Overseers Capt Joseph Robbins Capt Simon Hunt and Ammi Faulkner was Chosen a Committee of Safety m^r David Forbush Jr Seth Brooks and Samuel Paulson was Chosen Aiding men David Forbush & Capt Joseph Robbins Abraham Haggood Thomas Hays John Adams Jr Seth Brooks & Moses Wood was Chosen Surveyors of High ways and Collectors of the high way Rate Simon Little was Chosen Town Treasurer Joseph Barker was Chosen Scales of wails and Mayors Seth Brooks and Nathaniel Faulkner was Chosen Surveyors of Blaboard & Nipples Oliver Jones and Joseph Barker was Chosen Scales of Hoops & Flaws Silas Leonard & Samuel Wright Chosen Scales of John Adams & John Barker & Amos Hays was Chosen Key keepers and all other

3 the 3 Article Proposed to the next May meeting

- 4 voted to work at the high ways by a Rate this Present year also voted Seventy Pounds to Repair said high ways voted that every man have liberty to work out his high way Rate at four Shillings p^r Day for a man untill the first Day of September and two Shillings & had Pounds p^r Day the Remains of the year also voted four Shillings p^r Day for one Pair of Oxen and last and that the Sherrifs make the high way Rate by the Last Invoice
- 5 voted that Francis Faulkner Joseph Brabrook & Jonas Brooks be a Committee to sell the three Dues that are to be built in the Body Seats on the lower floor in the meeting house for the most they will fetch and also voted that said Committee in Behalf of the Give sufficient Deeds of said Dues to the Purchasers
- 6 voted to Chuse a Committee to settle with Capt Joseph & others respecting the ground they took into their Dues more than Purchased and M^r Jonas Brooks Simon Little John Adams & Daniel Davis and John Hayward was Chosen for that purpose and to Propose said Dues men if they could not settle with them and the meeting was Adjourned to Tuesday 9th Day of March Instant at three of the Clock in the afternoon

Aten March 9th 1784

the Town being met according to adjournment, Proceeded as follows

- 7 On the Seventh Article voted that the High way Proposed in said Article is now accepted by the Town agreeable to the Return Provided be at no cost to Purchas Land or Build fences
- 8 voted that Capt Simon Hunt Capt John Hayward & John Adams Jr be a Committee to Defend the Town in an action Commenced Against them by Samuel Jones Jr
- 9 voted that the Swine Run at Large this Present year and the meeting was Dissolved

Aten December 30th 1783

then the Subscribers laid out a High way to accommodate the Publick Beginning at a heap of Stones at Littleton line men m^r Jonathan Sheffins then Running to the end of said Sheffins wall from thence to a White oak tree South of said Sheffins house then to a heap of Stones then to a heap of Stones then to a heap of Stones South of Robert Sheffins Bacon then to a heap of Stones South of his Shop then to an Apple tree then to a White oak tree from thence to the Road at Lot Thomas Hays' Land said way is a two Rod way and the marks are all on the South side of said way

Francis Faulkner } Select men
Joseph Brabrook }

Acton. March. 25th 1784

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then the select men appointed a town meeting to be at the meeting house in said town on the first Monday of April next at one of the clock in the afternoon to confer and determine on the following articles (viz)

- 1 To give in their votes for a Governor & Govener Council & Senators agreeable to the constitution
- 2 To chuse a Moderator for to Govern said meeting
- 3 To see if the Town will agree to settle accounts with the select men & Town Treasurers
- 4 To see if the Town will chuse a committee to act in behalf of the Town in settling with Samuel Jones & his wife a note of hand signed by the select men to Jonathan Billingsworth Junr and pay any notes or votes that may be thought proper relating to defending the Town against being obliged to pay said note
- 5 To see if the Town will empower the select men to give good titles to those men who purchased the hind sets in the meeting house for the ground they took into said dues more than they purchased
- 6 To see if the Town will agree to seat the meeting house and chuse a committee for that purpose and pay any notes that may be thought proper when such relating to that affair

Acton April 2nd 1784

at a legal town meeting for the purpose of chusing a Governor & Govener Council and Senators and for other purposes & purposes as were proposed by the Petitioners of the Constables on their warrant the following gentlemen were voted for

a Governor	
His Excellency John Hancock Esq	22 votes
Govener the Hon Thomas Cushing Esq	12 Do
Senators	
The Hon Josiah Stone Esq	15 Do
Hon Abraham Fuller Esq	11 Do
Hon Messrs Brooks Esq	11 Do
Hon Messrs Bridge Esq	10 Do
Benj ⁿ Brown Esq	10 Do
James Heywood Esq	1 Do
Oliver Barron Esq	7 Do
John Stone Esq	8 Do
Francis Southwick Esq	9 Do
Eph ^m Wood Esq	3 Do
Hon James Dwyer Esq	1 Do
John Camery Esq	1 Do

Eph^m Wood was chosen Moderator and Proceeded as follows
 3rd voted that Capt Joseph Robbins Capt Simon Hunt & Capt Daniel Davies be a committee to settle accounts with the select men after three years past. voted that the select men be a committee to settle accounts with the Town Treasurers and report their settlement to the Town at the next Town meeting

- 1 on the forth Article voted that Capt Simon Hunt Capt John Hayward & m^r John Adams be a committee to act in behalf of the Town in settling with Samuel Jones & his wife a note he has in his possession signed by the select men to Jonathan Billingsworth Junr and defend the Town in an action in law said Jones should commence one against the inhabitants of said Town of Acton
- 5 voted that the select men give good titles to Capt Robbins and others of the ground they took into their dues more than they agreed for
- 6 voted to seat the meeting house and that Francis Southwick Jones Brooks Dec^r Abraham Esq^r Ephraim Wood Capt Robbins Capt Hunt & Simon be a committee for that purpose voted that said committee have difference to age & day in taking the two left years valuations for day and that they seat the negroes in the hind set in the Idg gallery

voted that the New on the right hand of the broad ally adjoining the New belonging m^r John Dwyer be for the hind set Moses Adams up so long as he continues to be the minister in this Town

Acton May 4th 1784

then the select men appointed a town meeting to be at the meeting house in said town on Friday the 14th day of this instant May at one of the clock in the afternoon to confer and determine on the following articles

- 1 To see if the Town with the District of barshels will agree to chuse a representative to represent said Town and District in the State and General Court the year ensuing
- 2 To chuse a Moderator for to Govern said meeting
- 3 to see if the Town will agree to maintain the widow Elisabeth Lamson for the sons that may be offered to the Town at the meeting
- 4 To see if the Town will give to m^r Simeon Hayward and others liberty to build horse stables in some convenient place near the meeting house on the Towns side

Acton May 14th 1784

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- at a legal Town meeting at the meeting house in said Town Francis Hawthorn was Chosen Representative
- 1 m^r Ephraim Hefner was Chosen Moderator and the Town Proceeded as follows
 - 2 The Question was Put whether the Town will maintain the Widow Elizabeth Lamson and it Passed in the Affirmative
 - 3 voted that m^r Simon Hayward & others have Liberty to Build Horse Stables that lead from Daniel Shepards to the meeting house Beginning at the corner of the old leatheren Brooks wall

Acton May 21st 1784

Then the Select men appointed a Town Meeting to be at the meeting house in said on Thursday the first Day of July next at three o'clock in the afternoon to Consider and Determine on the following articles viz

- 1 To Chuse a Moderator for to govern said meeting
- 2 To hear the Report of the Committee that are appointed by the Town to Examine and settle accounts with the Town Treasurers and Select men and to act thereon as the Town shall think Proper
- 3 To see how much money the Town will Raise to Defray the necessary Charges arising the Present year within the Town and to Discharge Town Debts
- 4 To see how much money the Town will Raise to support a Reading and writing School and Pass any votes that may be thought Proper Relating to a School
- 5 To see if the Town will agree to Seat the meeting house in order to make Provision for those Persons who Lead in horses in the congregation to Set together or Pass any votes Relating to Providing Seats for the Singers that may be thought Proper
- 6 To see if the Town will Chuse a Committee to settle with the Inhabitants of the District of Carlisle Respecting the sum of money that is Due to this Town from said Carlisle which the Town owed when said District was Incorporated and Pass any votes Relating to Inspecting and Improving a Committee to recover said money of said Inhabitants of Carlisle as the Town shall think Proper when met

Acton July 7th 1784

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at a general Town meeting at the meeting house in said Town the being legally warned as appeared by the Return of the Constables on their warrants the Town Proceeded as follows

- 1 m^r Ephraim Hefner was Chosen Moderator
- 2 it was Propounded whether the Town approve of the settlement made by the Committee with the Town Treasurer voted in the affirmative
- 3 Voted one Hundred and Twenty Pounds to Defray Necessary Charges and Pay Town Debts
- 4 voted thirty five Pounds to support a Reading & writing School this Present year
- 5 Voted to Cut the Hindmost Naild Seat and the two Benches Back of them in the front Gallery for Seats for Singers also voted that said Singers shall have the second third & fourth Seats in the front Gallery till the next meeting in case they can agree to Chuse with others that are Seated there and then voted that said article be referred to the next meeting

- 6 voted that the Select men Capt Joseph Robbins and Lieut Thomas Noyce be a Committee with full Power to settle with the Inhabitants of Carlisle Respecting the money Due from said Carlisle to this Town & as they shall think Proper

Acton October 5th 1784

Then the Select men appointed a Town Meeting to be at the meeting house in said Town on Friday the eighth Day of October Instant at three o'clock in the afternoon to Consider and Determine on the following articles viz

- 1 To Chuse a Moderator for to govern said meeting
- 2 To see if the Town will agree upon some Method to Pay the m^r Moses Adams the money that is Due to him from the without making Differs on the Inhabitants for Taxes and Pass any votes that may be thought Proper when met Relating to that affair
- 3 To see if the Town will agree to Chuse a Committee to Prosecute Samuel Jones for frauds in his office as Constable for the year 1778 in withholding a note that was given by the Select men to Jonathan Billing which note said Jones rec^d of said Billing for Taxes and Pass any votes that may be thought Proper when met

Acton, October 9th 1784

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at a legal Town meeting at the meeting house in said Town it being legally warned as appears by the Returns of the Constables on their warrants Mr Ephraim Robbins was Chosen Moderator and Proceeded as follows

- 2 voted that a Committee be chosen to hire money to Dyehouse a note the Rev. Mr Moses Adams has against the Town and voted that Dea Samuel Hayward Mr Samuel Wright Lieut Tho. Hoys Jones Brooks Dea Brabrook Capt Joseph Robbins & Francis Faulkner be a Committee for that purpose also voted that the Town Treasurers make Dyehouse on the Delinquent Constables for Town Rates in one month from this Day
- 3 voted that Capt Simon Hunt Lieut John Hayward Mr John Adams Capt Joseph Robbins Lieut Tho. Hoys Jones Brooks & Capt Daniel Davis be a Committee to settle with Samuel Jones Jr respecting a note he has put in suit against the Town, which note the Town claims as their Property & this by leaving said affair to arbitration or to prosecute said Jones for fraud in his office as Constable by way of Complaint to the attorney General of this commonwealth

Acton, February 14th 1785

Then the Select men appointed a Town Meeting to be at the meeting house in said Town on the first Monday of March Next at one of the clock in the afternoon to consider and determine on the following articles viz

- 1 To Chuse a Moderator for to govern said meeting
- 2 To Chuse Town officers for the year ensuing
- 3 To see if the Town will agree to work a the high ways by a Rate this present year and raise money for repairing the high ways and pass any votes that may be thought proper relating to that affair
- 4 To see if the Town will accept of the men whose names the Select have taken down to lay before the Town for to serve on the Jurors of trials at the Supremacy Court and Court of Common Pleas agreeable to Law
- 5 To see if the Town will allow to Mr George Robbins the money he laid in collecting Taxes as Constable for the year 1780 and for some Counterfeit Bill that he took for Taxes

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7 To see if the Town will agree to move the school house that stands near the meeting house to some place where it will better accommodate the Society and pass any votes that may be thought proper relating to that affair

6 To see if the Town will agree to let the Swine Run at Large this present year

Acton, March 9th 1785

at a general Town meeting at the meeting house in said Town it being legally warned as appeared by the Returns of the Constables on their warrants Capt Joseph Robbins was Chosen Moderator Francis Faulkner was Chosen Town Clerk Francis Faulkner Jones Brooks & Capt Joseph Robbins was Chosen Select men and Apsors James Faulkner & Joseph Brabrook was Chosen wardens Stephen Law Jr & Lieut Joseph Robbins was Chosen Constables Oliver Jones Samuel Wheeler Lieut Simon Fuller Seth Brooks John Hunt James Davies & Silas Conant were Chosen Surveyors of High ways and collectors of the high way Rate Aaron Jones was Chosen Town Treasurers Joseph Barker was Chosen Sealer of wares & measures Seth Brooks & Nathl Faulkner were Chosen Surveyors of Boards Blueboards & Shingles Seth Brooks and Samuel Hayward Jr were Chosen Sutting men Oliver Jones and John Hunt were Chosen Surveyors of Woods & Slaves George Robbins was Chosen Informer of Deer Samuel Wright and Seth Brooks was Chosen four viewers Lieut Daniel Davies and Samuel Parlin were Chosen Surveyors of timber Lieut John Hayward & David Davis were Chosen Fish Wives John Wheeler Ephraim Torbush & John Wheeler were Chosen Hay Wives and sworn as the Law directs

3 voted to work at the high ways by a Rate this present year also voted one hundred Pounds to repair said high ways and that every man have Liberty to work out his Proportion of said Sum at four Shillings p^r Day for a man until the Last Day of August and three Shillings p^r Day the Remainder of the year and four Shillings p^r Day for one Pair of oxen & Cart and that the Apsors do lay the Town for the above Sum by the Last Invoice

4 The Jury was put whether the Town will accept of the men whose names was laid before the Town for their acceptance to serve as Jurors and it passed in the affirmative

5 the fifth article was proposed and passed in the Negative

- 7 voted that, Nath^l Faulkner Capt Simon Hunt & Lieut Simon Little be a Committee to view the Situation of the School Society in the middle of the Town and Report to the Town at the next April meeting the Place where the School house will best accomodate said Society
- 8 voted that the Squire Hun. at Large this Present year
- Acton March 21st 1785
- then the Select men appointed a Town meeting to be at the meeting house in said Town on the first Monday of April next at one of the clock in the afternoon to confer and Determine on the following articles (viz)
- 1 for the Town to give in their votes for a Governor Lieut Governor & Senators as the Constitution Directs
 - 2 To Chuse a Moderator for to Govern said meeting
 - 3 To See if the Town will agree to Sell their Part of the School House that stands near Lieut John Kendal and Put any votes that the Town shall think Proper Relating to the Disposing of said house
 - 4 To hear the Report of the Committee that was chosen at the Last Town meeting to view the Situation of the School Society in the middle of the Town and to act upon the Report of the Committee as the Town shall think Proper
 - 5 To See if the Town will agree to Seat the meeting house To accomodate the singers & the sheets
 - 6 To See if the Town will agree to Chuse a Committee to settle accounts with the Town Treasurers

Acton April 4th 1785

at a Legal Town meeting at the Meeting house in said Town the Town gave in their votes for a Governor Lieut Governor & Senators agreeable to the Constitution

For a Governor the Hon^l Thomas Cushing had 16 votes
 the Hon^l James Bodden had 2 do
 the Hon^l Oliver Prescott had 12

For a Lieut Governor
 the Hon^l Thomas Cushing had 6
 the Hon^l Nath^l Gorham 19 Senators

The Hon^l James Prescott had 1 vote
 Hon^l Josiah Stone 27 do
 Hon^l Abraham Fuller 3
 Hon^l Eleazar Brooks 26
 Hon^l Ebenezer Bridge 27
 John Cumins Esq^r 12
 Hon^l Nathaniel Gorham 3
 Hon^l Joseph Hooper 14
 Francis Faulkner 25

- 2 at the aforesaid meeting Ephraim Hooper was chosen Moderator
- 3 voted that the Select men sell the Towns Part in the School house for the most it will fetch
- 4 the fourth referred to the next meeting
- 5 the fifth article signed
- 6 And that Francis Faulkner Capt Joseph Hobbin Jonas Brooks Capt Simon Hunt & Lieut Thomas Hooper be a Committee to settle accounts with the Late Town Treasurers

Acton April 28th 1785

then the Select men appointed a Town meeting to be at the meeting house in said Town on Wednesday the Eleventh Day of May Next at one of the clock in the afternoon to confer and Determine on the following articles

- 1 To See if the Town with the District of Berkshire will agree to Chuse a Representative to Represent them in the general Court the year ensuing
- 2 To Chuse a Moderator for to Govern said meeting
- 3 To See how much money the Town will raise to Defray the Necessary Charges that have or may arise this Present year within the Town and to Discharge the Town Debts
- 4 To See how much money the Town will raise to Support a Meeting and a Writing School this Present year and Put any votes that may be thought Proper Relating to a School

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5th to be if it is the opinion of the Town that it was the design of the Town, when they discontinued the bridge way from Foster Bridge to the high way and accepted of a bridge way from said bridge in another place that those whose said way was laid out to accommodate shall be liable of handy gates as was ordered by the Town in the former way

6 To be if the Town will abate the rates of Francis Barker for houses that may be offered at the meeting
7 the School House officer reported to this meeting

Acton May 14th 1785

at a legal Town meeting at the meeting house in said Town as appears by the returns of the Constables on their warrants Francis Faulkner was chosen Representative

- 1 M^r Jones Brooks was chosen Moderator
- 2 voted one Hundred and fifty Pounds to Defray Town Charges and to pay the Towns Debts
- 3 voted Forty ^{nine} Pounds to support a Reading and a Writing School this present year
- 4 it was Propounded whether the Town will act on said article voted in the Negative
- 5 voted that the Collectors Delay the making of Lists upon Francis Barker for his Rates six months unless the Select men give order otherwise
- 6 Ref^d to the next town meeting which is relating the School House

Acton May 23rd 1785

then the Select men appointed a Town meeting to be at the meeting house in said Town on Monday the 28th Day of June next to consider and determine on the following articles

- 1 To Chuse a Moderator for to govern said meeting
- 2 to see if the Town will agree to provide seats for the Singers agreeable to the Desire of the Church
- 3 To see what the Town will do in order to free the Desire of the Church in providing seats for the Singers

Acton June 6th 1785 364

at a General Town meeting at the meeting house in said Town it being legally warned as appeared by the returns of the Constables on their warrants

- 1 voted to provide seats for the Singers agreeable to the Desire of the Church -
- 2 voted that the Singers shall have the second third & fourth seats in the front gallery for their seats to accommodate the Singing in the meeting house - also voted that the Trustees in the fore seat in the front gallery during the Towns Pleasure also voted to Chuse a Committee to see that those Persons that are not Singers that now sit in said seats in the front gallery and Francis Faulkner Capt Hobbs Capt Hunt Lieut. Hope Capt John Hayward and Forbys. & Jones Brooks was appointed a Committee for that Purpose

Acton December 8th 1785

then the Select men appointed a Town meeting to be at the meeting house in said Town on Wednesday the 21st Day of December 1785 at one of the Clock in the afternoon to consider and determine on the following articles (viz)

- 1 To Chuse a Moderator for to govern said meeting
- 2 To see if the Town will direct the assessor to assess the town for the Sums of money that is granted by the town by the last year making such alterations as the shifting of Property and Toll requires
- 3 To see if the Town will abate the Rates of those Persons whose the town shall judge unable to pay the same or pay any vote that may be thought proper relating to the collecting said taxes
- 4 to see what method the Town will take to repair the bridge over the River at M^r Haywards mill
- 5 To see if the Town will raise a sum of money to make up the Deficit in taxes caused by abatements -

Acton December 25 1785

at a legal Town meeting at the meeting house in said Town it being legally warned as appears by the returns of the Constables on their warrants Capt Hunt was chosen Moderator and Proceeded as follows

- 1 voted that the assessor take a new Invoice and make the Town Rates
- 2 voted that David Cheffins Rates be abated also voted that Roger & Rich and Sam^l Dixon pay to the Constables five Dollars a month each until the whole of their Rates are paid

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- 4 Voted that Capt. Joseph Robbins, M^r John Adams & Aaron Jones be a Committee to repair the Bridge over the River at m^r Haywards mill.
 - 5 Voted one Hundred Pound to be applied to make up Defunct Taxes.

Acton. February 17th 1786

Then the Select men appointed a Town Meeting to be at the meeting house in said Town on Monday the 6th Day of March next at Twelve of the Clock to Consider and Determine on the following articles viz

- 1 To Chuse a Moderator for to Govern said meeting
- 2 To Chuse Town officers for the year ensuing
- 3 To See if the Town will agree to Chuse a collector or collectors to Collect the Collection of the Taxes that are now Due on the several Rate Lists that have been committed to Joseph Barker and Daniel Barker or Pass any votes that may be thought Proper when met
- 4 To See if the Town will agree to work at the high ways by a Rate this Present year also to See how much money the Town will Raise to Repair said high ways and Pass any votes that may be thought Proper when met relating to that affair
- 5 To See if the Town will agree to Defend and Save himself m^r Jones Lie Deputy Sheriff from all Cost and Charge that may arise by Reason of his extending the Treasurers State Execution upon the Real Estate of Joseph Barker for for State Taxes
- 6 To See if the Town will agree that Capt. Simon Hunt shall make handy Galls for the Bridge way that Leads from m^r David Torbush's so far as it goes through his land as was Don in the former way that is discontinued
- 7 To See if the Town will agree to Let the Swine Run at Large the year ensuing

Acton. March 17th 1786

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at a General Town meeting at the meeting house in said Town it being Legally warned as appeared by the Return of the Constables on their warrants m^r Ephraim Stymus was Chosen Moderator and the Town Proceeded as follows

- Francis Faulkner was Chosen Town Clerk Francis Faulkner, Jonas Brooks and Joseph Robbins was Chosen Select men, Jones Hunt, Aaron Jones and Samuel Parlin was Chosen Assessors Benjamin Dyer, and Elijah Davis were Chosen Constables Aaron Jones Town Treasurers, Leonard Wright and Benjamin Haywood was Chosen wardens, Silas Conant and David Torbush Jr were Chosen Surveyors, Simon Hunt, James Billing, Abraham Hapgood, Benjamin Brooks, Stephen Law, Ebenezer Farwell and Moses Woods were Chosen Surveyors of high way & Collectors of the high way Rates Aaron Jones Senter of waste and Measurer, Stephen Law and Ammi Faulkner were Chosen fenceviewers, Oliver Jones & James Billing Surveyors of Woods & Meadows, Nathaniel Faulkner and Seth Brooks Surveyors of Timber, Board, Cleboard & Shingles Ammi Faulkner fish, Mice, Robert Robbins & Simon Hunt Hog Mease and Swine at Large.
- 3 m^r Seth Brooks was Chosen collector to complete the Collection of Daniel Barker's Rate Lists
 - 4 Voted to work at the highways by a Rate this Present year also voted that the Town shall be Offered for one Hundred Pounds to be worked out on the high ways as follows viz three Shillings & Six Pence p^r Day for a man a Pair of Oxen 2/6 a Cart 1/ until the 1st of August then the remainder of the year for a man 2/ p^r Day and 1/ p^r Day for Oxen & Cart
 - 5 Voted that the Select men in Behalf of the Town do Give to m^r Jones Lie a Bond to Intestify him from any Cost of Charge that may arise by Reason of his extending the State Treasurers Execution on the Real Estate of Joseph Barker Jr
 - 6 the Sixth which kept the next April meeting
 - 7 Voted that the Swine Run at Large this Present year

Taken up in Damage on the 19th Day of July and Received within as the Law Directs a Black horse with a Star in his forehead and some white on his off hind foot supposed to be three years of age
by me Joseph Barker Jr

Acton. April 4th 1786 at a Legal Town meeting for the
 Purpose of giving votes for a Governor & Governor and
 Senators agreeable to the Constitution of this Commonwealth
 the following Gentlemen had the votes against their
 names

a Governor
 His Excellency James Bowdoin. --- 35 votes
 His Honor Thomas Cushing --- 23 do
 Senators
 Hon. Abraham Tullis --- 13
 Hon. James Doherty --- 1
 Hon. Elazer Brooks --- 17
 Hon. Ebenezer Bridge --- 14
 Hon. Joseph Hopper --- 17
 Hon. Joseph B. Verrum --- 12
 Francis Faulstich --- 8
 Dr. Neph. Fletcher --- 1
 Mr. James Garham --- 1
 Mr. Weymouthsryham --- 1

- 2 and then, Mr. Ephraim Hopper was chosen moderator
 and proceeded as follows
- 3 The Question was put on the third article whether the Town
 will agree that the meetings for the choice of a Representative
 shall be held in Carlisle two years in five and it passed in
 the negative
- 4 said article was dismissed

Acton. March. 4th 1786

Then the select men appointed a Town meeting to be
 at the meeting house in said Town on the first Monday
 of April next at one of the clock in the afternoon
 to consider and determine on the articles was

- 1 From the Town to bring in their votes for a Governor & Governor
 and Senators
- 2 To choose a Moderator for the Governor's meeting
- 3 To see if the Town will agree that Capt. Simon Hunt shall
 make handy gates for the Bridle way that leads from Mr
 David Forbush's place for as it goes through his land
 as was done in the former way that is discontemned
- 4 To see if the Town will agree that the meetings for the
 choice of a Representative for the future shall be held in the
 District of Carlisle two years in five and that the man
 that shall be chosen be an inhabitant of said District 2 years in five

April 4th 1786

in compliance with a request from the select men of Acton
 we the subscribers have met this day and have reviewed
 the bounds between the Town of Acton and District of
 Southborough beginning at the corner on flag hill from
 thence to a red oak tree then to a heap of stones in
 the orchard. Then to a heap of stones & a small white
 oak tree then to a Walnut tree at Little Line

Samuel Hayward } Committee for
 Eph. Forbush } Acton
 Nehem. Batchelor } Committee for
 Paul Hayward } Southborough

April 4th 1786

We the subscribers have this day met according to
 appointment and perambulated the line between
 the Towns of Sudbury and Acton and have reviewed
 the bounds between the aforesaid Towns

Jonathan Hunt } for Sudbury
 Thomas Rice }
 Silas Conant } for Acton
 Simon Hayward }

April 4th 1786

Agreeable to the within appointment we the subscribers
 have met and reviewed the bounds between the Town of
 Acton and District of Carlisle

Upe. Parlin } Select men of
 Jonathan Hunt } Carlisle
 Joseph Craigbrooke } Committee for Acton
 John Edwards }

April 4th 1786

We the subscribers being appointed to perambulate between
 Haver and Acton began at flag hill and from thence to
 the river

Abner Whitney } for Haver
 Luke Brooks }
 John Hayward } for Acton
 George Robbins }

Acton April 28 1786

this day we the subscribers met the select men of Acton and reviewed the
 bounds between Concord & Acton to the satisfaction of both parties

James Barrett } Select men of
 Ab. Brooks } Concord

Uxton. April 20th 1786

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then the select men appointed a Town meeting to be at the meeting house in said town on Monday the 8th Day of May next at one of the clock in the afternoon to see if the Town with the District of Carlisle will agree to have a Representative and to consider and determine on the following articles viz.

- 1 To Chuse a Moderator for to govern said meeting
- 2 To See how much money the Town will raise to defray the necessary Charges that have or may arise this present year within the same
- 3 To See how much money the Town will raise to support a Meeting and a writing School this present year
- 4 To See if the Town will agree that those Persons whose Names are not bropt on the several Rated Lists which were Committed to Daniel Barker to collect for the years 1780 & 1783, be Disfranchised from Paying said Rates or Pay any votes that may be thought proper respecting the Collecting said Rates

Uxton, May 20th 1786

at a Legal Town meeting at the meeting house in said Town the Question was Put whether the Town with the District of Carlisle will agree to Chuse a Representative to represent them in the general Court the year ensuing and it Passed in the negative and then Mr. Ebraim Hooper was Chosen Moderator and the Town Proceeded as follows viz.

- 2 voted Eighty Pounds to defray the necessary Charges this present year
- 3 granted and agreed that forty nine Pounds shall be applied for supporting a Meeting and a writing School this present year
- 4 it was Proposed whether those Persons whose Names are not bropt on Daniel Barker's Rated Lists & Passed in the negative and then it was voted that Francis Hawthorne, Gen. Hunt but Noys Jones Brooks, Capt. Hobbs, Simon, Tuttle and Little Brooks be a Committee to hear the Evidence that those Persons may produce respecting their Paying their Rates upon said and Reports to the Town at the time this meeting next be adjourned to and the meeting was adjourned to the next Monday in May Instant at two of the clock afternoon

Uxton. May the Twenty first 1786

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the Town being met according to adjournment voted the Stephen Shepard go to Daniel Barker and request him to come before the Towns Committee and the meeting was adjourned to Monday the 12th Day of June next at four of the clock in the afternoon

June 12th 1786

the Town being met according to adjournment voted to Chuse a Committee to hear and examine the Evidence that may be offered by those Persons who have Rates against them on Daniel Barker's Rated Lists as Collector that they Paid the same with full Power to allow to them so much as shall appear to them by the Evidence they may bring to be Reasonable & Just and Francis Hawthorne, Capt. Hobbs, Thomas Hoys, Oliver Jones, Decr. Breabrook, Capt. Hunt, Simon Tuttle & Jones Miald was Chosen for to settle said Rates as proposed and the meeting was Disposed

Uxton. August 10th 1786

then the select men appointed a Town Meeting to be at the Meeting House in said Town on Monday 23rd Day of the Instant August at one of the clock in the afternoon to consider and determine on the following articles (viz.)

- 1 To Chuse a Moderator for to govern said meeting
- 2 To See if the Town will agree to Pay one half the Cost that may arise to the Town of Westford in finding the Town where Patience Irish is a Legal Inhabitant and then moving her to the same and Pay half the Cost in defending the Town of Westford from the support of said Patience except she shall Prove to belong to said Town of Westford to maintain or Pay of any votes that may be thought proper when met relating to that affair
- 3 To See if the Town will agree to Chuse a Committee to attend a Convocation Proposed to Sit at Concord the 23rd Day of August Instant to Consult upon a Method of Mending of Publick
- 4 To See if the Town will agree to Put the Bond in State against Peter Clever and Philip Boston for refusing to maintain Lucy Willard Childs Agreeable to their Obligation
- 5 To See if the Town will agree immediately to prepare the Road that lead from Mt. Willingtons to Littleton Lane for the repair of which the Town is exposed to Pay a fine next Court

Acton August 9th 1786

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at a general Town Meeting at the meeting house in
Said Town. Capt Hunt. was Chosen moderator

1st the second article was Put. and Passed in the negative

3 the Question was Put. whether the Town will Chuse a Committee
to meet in Convention at Concord on the 26th Day of August
Instant. and it Passed in the affirmative and Lieut. Benson
Jesse & Lieut Thomas Hope was Chosen for that Purpose

4 voted that. the Select men Put the Bond in Sale against
Peter Oliver and Phillip Boston when they shall think proper

5 voted that. all the Peopl of this Town. who shall work on Sillston
Road in Acton that is now under presentment next. tuesday
shall be allowed for their work in the next year high way Road
and what remains to be Don. to be said in good measure
the Select men. are Directed to hire men. to do the work and
give orders for the Day on the Town Treasurer

Acton September 21st 1786

Then the Select men appointed appointed a Town
meeting to be at the meeting house in Said Town on
monday the 2nd Day of October next. at one of the clock
in the afternoon to consider and Determine on the
following articles viz

- 1 To Chuse a Moderator for to Govern Said meeting
 - 2 To hear the Statements of Publick Grievances from
the Convention held at Concord and to act thereon as
the Town shall think Proper also to give further Information
to their members in Convention to be Convened at Concord
the 3rd Day of October next. and Pass any votes that may
be thought Proper when met
- Acton. October 4th 1786

at a Town meeting at the meeting house in Said Town
Francis Faulkner was Chosen Moderator and Proceeded
as follows

- 2 on the second article it was voted that. the ten articles
of Grievances Stated by the Convention at Concord are agreeable
to the Sentiments of this Town. Except the eighth article
Then the Question was Put. whether the Town will Chuse a
Committee to make a Draught of Instructions to their
members in Convention at Concord the 9th Day of October Instant

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Instant. voted in the affirmative and Francis Faulkner Joseph
Hobbs & Jonas Brooks was Chosen for that Purpose
The Report of the Committee being Read was accepted by the Town
and Delivered to Lieut Hope upon of the members and the
meeting was adjourned to next. monday at two of the clock
in the afternoon to hear the Report of our members from
the Convention and to act thereon as the Town shall think
Proper

October 14th 1786 the Town being met. according to adjournment
ent. the Petition from the Convention to the General Court
in Behalf of Twenty Towns in this County being Read the
Question was Put. whether the Town will Join in said Petition
the nineteen Towns to the General Court for Grievances
and it Passed in the negative and then the Question was
Put. whether this Town will Petition the General Court for
Redress of Grievances & it Passed in the negative
Then a motion was made for voters being Present. whether they
would take under consideration the seven articles Stated by
the Convention and moved said before the several towns for
approbation. and consider them as Grievances & Defects
which Passed in the affirmative

Acton February 10th 1787

Then the Select men appointed a Town meeting to be at the
meeting house in Said Town on the first. monday of March. next
at twelve of the clock. to consider and Determine on the following
articles viz —

- 1 To Chuse a Moderator to Govern Said meeting
- 2 To Chuse Town officers for the year ensuing
- 3 To See if the town will agree to work at the high ways by a rate
this Present. year also to see how much money the Town will raise
to repair Said high ways and Pass any votes that may be thought
Proper when met. Relating to said affairs
- 4 To See if the Town will agree to Chuse a Committee to settle with
the Late and Present Town Treasurers
- 5 To See if the Town will accept. of any new high ways or alterations
that may be made in any Town way if legally laid before the Town
at the Meeting
- 6 To See if the Town will agree to let. the Fire Man at Large
the year ensuing

Atton. March 4th 1787 let. a Legal Town meeting at the meeting house in said town. The Town. Decided as follows
 1 Ephraim Hymer was Chosen Moderator Francis Faulkner was Chosen Town Clerk. Francis Faulkner Thomas Hays & Simon Hayward was Chosen. Select. men. and assessors Aaron Jones & Jonathan Chaffin was Chosen Constables Ebenezer Hedd and Jonas Brooks was Chosen Wardens Benjamin Brabrook was Chosen Town Treasurer Seth Brooks and Samuel Parlin was Chosen Tithing men Francis Faulkner John Hayward Solomon Smith Nathaniel Faulkner Joseph Robbins Samuel Parlin and Joseph Brabrook was Chosen Surveyors of high way Aaron Jones Sealer of warts & measures Ephraim Belling & Ephraim Norbush was Chosen fire. viewers Nathl. Faulkner and Seth Brooks was Chosen. Assessors of blabards and Shingles Edward Wetmore and John Hunt was Chosen. Sallors of hoops & Staves Robert Chaffin Surveyor of timber Board. & Kinck John Hayward and David Norbush. High Huvers David Barnard and Nathan Hunt was Chosen. Haystackers John Davis Inspector of Dues and sworn the above Town. officers took the oaths of office and Thomas Hays & Simon Hayward Select men Benj. Brabrook Town Treasurer Aaron Jones & Jonathan Chaffin Constables took the oath of Allegiance agreeable to Law before me Francis Faulkner Justice Peace

3 The Town. voted to work at the high ways by a Rate this present year and granted one hundred Pounds to Repair the high ways also voted four Shillings p^r Day for a man. and the same for one Pair of oxen and Cart. Provided they work eight. hours in a Day untill the first. Day of September next and from that time to the first. Day of November next. the wages to be two Shilling per Day for a man. and the same for Oxen and Cart. also voted that the Surveyors of high ways shall Return. their Rate Lists with. the List. that Every one has Paid of said high way Rate to the Select. men by the 3 Day of November next. also voted that. the Select. men do Commit. Lists of the several Sums that any Person may then be indebted to said Rate to the Constables with warrants in due form of Law to Collect said Sums in Cash and Pay in the same to the Town Treasurer

4 The Question. was put. whether the Town. will Choose a Committee to settle with said and Present. Town. Treasurers and it. Paid in the affirmative and Francis Faulkner Tho. Hays & Simon Hayward be a Committee for that Purpose

6 voted that the wine Run. at Large this present year and the meeting was adjourned to the Monday after. next at three of the Clock. after noon. March 4th 1787 the Town being met. according to adjournment adjourned again to the first Monday in. April next at four a Clock afternoon

Atton. April 4th 1787 the Town. met. according to adjournment and voted a small alteration. in the high way leading from m^r Nathl. Edwards to Samuel Whites according to the Return of said way

Atton. March 4th 1787
 Then. we the Subscribers made a small alteration. in the Road leading from m^r Nathl. Edwards to Samuel Whites beginning at. beginning at. a gap the corner of Seth Brooks' wall. on the north Side of said way then thence to a heap of Stones and from thence to the Bars on the same Side of the Road

Francis Faulkner
 Tho. Hays
 Simon Hayward
 Select. men

- Atton. March 4th 1787
 Then the Select. men. appointed a Town. Meeting to be at the meeting house in said Town on the first. Monday of April next at one of the Clock. in the afternoon to consider and Determine on the following articles —
- 1 to give in their votes for a Governor Lieut Governor & Senators
 - 2 to Choose a Moderator to govern said meeting
 - 3 to say if the Town will agree to Choose a Committee to make such abatements of the Taxes of those Persons who think themselves over Rated in the last year's Taxes as may appear to them to be Just. and Reasonable —
 - 4 To say if the Town will give to each of those Soldiers who marched in the Detachment from this Town. under the command of Jones Head in the Government service the Sum of Twelve Shilling as a Bounty from this Town for their service aforesaid
 - 5 To say if the Town. will abate the Rates of Stephen Sanderson for Messons that may be offered at the meeting

Atton. April 4th 1787
 at a Legal Town meeting m^r Eph^r. Hymer moderator and Proceed. as follows

- 3 on the third article it was voted that Samuel Parlin Aaron Jones & Jones Head be a Committee to make the abatements agreeable to said article

The fourth. and fifth. article was dispensed

Acton. April 9th 1787 at a Legal Town meeting for the
Purpose of giving in votes for a Governor, Lieut Governor
and Senators the following gentlemen had the votes
Set against their names

A Governor

His Excellency James Bowdoin. Had — 17 votes
Hon^{ble} John Hancock. — 62

A Lieut Governor

His Hon^{ble} Thomas Cushing — 11
Hon^{ble} Benjⁿ Lincoln — 11
Hon^{ble} Nathl Gorkham. — 52

Senators

the Hon^{ble} James Dwyer — 1
Hon^{ble} Abraham Fuller — 1
Hon^{ble} Elwell Brooks — 29
Hon^{ble} Ebenezer Bridge — 62
Hon^{ble} Joseph Hooper — 31
Hon^{ble} Joseph B. Varnum — 59
Dea^r William Brown — 22
Dea^r Simon How — 11
M^r Isaac Stearns — 42
Walter M. Farber — 33
Timothy Wenn — 9
Ezra Sargents Esq^r — 21
Do^r Joseph Lee — 1
Winflow Brigham — 1
Joseph Simons — 1

Acton April 16th 1787

Then the Select men. Appointed a Town meeting to be at the
meeting House in said town on Monday the Seventh Day of
May Next. at one of the Clock in the afternoon to consider
and determine on the following articles viz

- 1 To chuse a Moderator for to Govern said Meeting
- 2 To see how much Money the Town will be liable to Defray
the Sundry Charges that have or may arise this present
year and to pay Town Debts
- 3 To see how much money the Town will be liable to support at
a Reading and Writing School this present year and pass
any votes that may be thought proper relating to the School
- 4 To see if the Town will be liable to pay the Expenses of
the State Treasurers which was committed to Daniel Barker to collect and
any votes that may be thought proper relating to paying the same

Acton. May 17th 1787

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at a Legal Town Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Acton
and District of Carlisle Thomas Vose was Chose Representative
and the Town. Proceeded as follows Francis Faulkner was Chose
moderator

It voted that the Select men of the Town the Sum of thirty
Pounds to Purchase State Treasurers orders to pay the Expenses
of said Treasurers committed to Daniel Barker to collect also votes
that Lieut Simon Little Daniel Davies and James Billing be
a committee Purchase said orders and then the meeting was adjourned
to the next Monday in this instant May at one of the
Clock in the afternoon in order to act on the 2nd & 3rd Articles
and the meeting for the chuse of a Representative was adjourned
to 4 of the Clock in the afternoon the same day in order for
the Town to give written Instructions to their Representative

Acton. May 28th 1787 the Town being met. according to adjournment.

- 1 voted one Hundred & Twenty be liable to Defray Sundry Charges
and to pay the Town Debts
- 3 voted forty nine Pounds for a School Seven Pounds of said Sum to
be Expended in a Woman School Twenty Shillings to each Society
Provided that the Society shall agree to Expand it in that manner

Acton. August 24th 1787

Then the Select men. appointed a Town meeting to be at the meeting
House in said Town on Monday the third Day of September at one
of the Clock in the afternoon to consider and determine on
the following articles viz

- 1 To chuse a Moderator for to Govern said Meeting
- 2 To see how and in what way and manner the Poor of the Town & State
Poor shall be supported this present year and pass any vote that
may be thought proper relating to supporting said Poor
- 3 To see if the Town will agree that the Select men shall over
each Persons their Estates and take a new Inventory of the Personal
Estates in this Town in order to proportion the Town taxes
this present year

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 1 on the fourth article the Question was Put whether the Town will agree to work at the high way by a Act. this Present year voted in the affirmative also voted that the Town be assessed for the sum of one Hundred Pounds to Repair said ways voted that Every household to work out his high way Rate in the following manner (viz) men Labour to four Shillings p^r Day one Day of oxen and a cart the same until the first Day of August next and two Shillings p^r Day (until the first Day of November next at which time the Jurors are Directed to Return New Rate Lists with all the rated List on said Lists and the assessor are Directed to Comand said Rate Lists with a warrant to collect what shall then remain Due on said Lists to be Paid to the Treasurer of said Town and then the meeting was adjourned to the first Monday of April next at four of the Clock in the afternoon.

Acton April 7th 1788

The Town being met according to adjournment and being informed that the Town officers had not taken the oath of allegiance according to the Statute in this respect and Francis Faulkner was chosen Town Clerk and Francis Faulkner Thomas Hayes & Simon Hay ward was chosen select men and Joseph Henry Brabrook Town Treasurer Daniel Shepherd and Edward Withersbee was chosen Constables all of them took the several oaths required by law to qualify them to serve in their respective offices

Acton March 17th 1788

then the select men appointed a Town Meeting to be at the meeting house in said Town on the first Monday of April next at one of the Clock in the afternoon for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Governour & Senators and to act on the following articles

- 1 To Choose a Moderator for to Govern said meeting
- 2 To See if the Town will accept of a way laid out by the select men to accommodate the inhabitants of the Towns of Stow and Acton according to the Return of said way that will be laid before the Town at the meeting
- 3 To See if the Town will accept of a way laid out by the select men to accommodate the Farm belonging to Dr. Jonath. Davis according to the Return of said way that will be laid before the Town at the meeting
- 4 To See if the Town will agree to abate a Part of the Rates of Peter Ellickson and others for Keysons that may be offered to the Town at the meeting

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 Acton April 7th 1788 at a Legal Town meeting at the meeting House in said Town for the purpose of giving in votes for a Governour & Senators the following Gentlemen had the votes set against their names

for a Governour
 His Excellency John Hancock had 35 votes
 for a Lieut Governour
 The Hon^{ble} Samuel Adams — 36 Do
 Hon^{ble} James Warren — 15
 Hon^{ble} Benj^l Lincoln — 1
 Hon^{ble} Elbridge Gerry — 1

for Senators
 Hon^{ble} Eliezer Brooks — 29
 Hon^{ble} Joseph Hopner — 30
 Hon^{ble} Ebenezer Briggs — 30
 Hon^{ble} Joseph B. Varnum — 28
 Mr. Isaac Stevens — 20
 Mr. Thompson — 21
 Esq^r Walter M. Farlin — 11
 Esq^r Marshal Spring — 20
 Mr. Samuel Keul — 2
 Esq^r Samuel Herrar — 19
 Esq^r David Brown — 3
 Esq^r Willm^l Brown — 10
 Mr. Jonath^l Kepp — 4
 Esq^r Abner Skinner — 4

then the Town chose Mr. Jones Brooks Moderator and Deputy as follows

- 2 the Question was Put whether the Town will accept of a way laid out by the select men to accommodate the inhabitants of the Towns of Stow and Acton according to the Return of said way provided the Town of Stow shall open a high way to the same and it being in the affirmative George Robbins gave his assent
- 3 the Question was Put whether the Town will accept of a way laid out by the select men to accommodate Dr. Jonath. Davis Farm according to the Return of said way voted in the affirmative
- 4 voted to abate of the Rates of John Ellickson and Peter Ellickson

Upton April 22nd 1798 then 381
the select men appointed
to be at the meeting house in said town on Monday
the 25th day of May that to consider and determine
on the following articles (viz)

- 1 To Chuse a Representative
- 2 To Chuse a Moderator for to govern said meeting
- 3 To see how much money the Town will have to Defray
the necessary Charges that have arisen or may arise
this present year within the same and to pay the Towns
Debts
- 4 To see how much money the Town will have to support
a Reading and Writing School this present year and
pass any votes that may be thought proper relating
to said School
- 5 To see if the Town will agree to build a house to support
the poor in, and pass any votes that may be thought proper
relating to the building said house

Upton May 12th 1798

at a General Town meeting at the meeting house in
said town it being legally warned as appeared by
the returns of the Constables on their warrants Lieut
Thomas Hays was chosen Representative

- 2 Lieut Thomas Hays was chosen Moderator and Proceeded as
follows
- 3 Voted one Hundred Pounds to Defray the necessary Charges
that have or may arise this present year in this Town
- 4 Voted forty nine Pounds for to support the School in this
Town
- 5 The question was put whether the Town will build a house
for to support the poor in voted in the affirmative then
it was voted that said house be built thirty feet square
with a Chimney with four Smokes to eight feet high and
then it was voted that a Committee be chosen to find a place
with land to build said house upon and report to the Town
at the next meeting and Francis Faulkner Simon Suttle
David Leonard Daniel Davies & Nathaniel Faulkner who
was chosen for the purpose aforesaid

Upton August 13th 1798 382
then the select men appointed a Town Meeting to be at the
meeting house in said town on Monday the 25th day of
August Instant at three of the clock in the afternoon to
consider and determine on the following articles viz

- 1 To Chuse a moderator for to govern said meeting
- 2 To see if the Town will defend themselves at Court in an
Action commenced against the inhabitants of this Town by
William Baker or pass any votes that may be thought proper
relating to defending or settling said affair
- 3 To see if the Town will repair the bridges at Simon Haywards
and the bridge near in Kings Law
- 4 To see if the Town will grant a sum of money in addition to
the sum of one Hundred Pounds granted last May to pay
the Towns Debts

Upton August 25th 1798

at a legal Town meeting at the meeting house in said town

- 1 Capt Simon Hunt was chosen moderator and Proceeded as follows
- 2 on the second article it was voted that Francis Faulkner
Lieut Thomas Hays and Simon Haywards be a Committee
to settle with William Baker in way and manner as they
shall think best and pass the vote in behalf of the Town
in full of all demands between him the said Baker and
this Town if they shall think proper
- 3 Voted that Mr Simon Haywards Simon Suttle and Capt
Joseph Robbins be a Committee to view the bridges at Haywards
and Laws and provide men to repair them so much as is
necessary the men to be allowed their pay in the high way
next year and each man to be allowed 3 p^{ts} pay
- 4 Voted that fifty Pounds be added to the grant of money made
by the Town last May to pay the Towns Debts

Upton December 8th 1798

then the select men appointed a Town meeting to be at the
meeting house in said town on Thursday the 13th day of Decem-
ber Instant to consider and determine on the following articles

- 1 For the inhabitants to give in their votes for a Representative
to represent the District of middlesex in the Congress of the
United States
- 2 To Chuse a Moderator to govern the meeting to act upon
the Town affairs on the following articles

- 3 To be if the Town will agree to Pay to Stephen Shepard a Bounty for his service in the army of the united States and Pass any votes that may be thought Proper on the matter
- 4 To be if the Town will agree to Pay a note of 6.6.8 given to John Driscoll by the Town as a Bounty to serve in the army at Montarogu in the year 1776 and Pass any votes that may be thought Proper when met.

Atton. December 29th 1788 at a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Atton for the Purpose of giving in their votes for a Representative for the District of Middlesex to represent the People of this Commonwealth in the Congress of the united States the following Gentlemen had the votes set against their names

The Hon^{ble}. Nathaniel Gorham had 27 votes
 the Hon^{ble}. Elbridge Gary had — 16 Do —
 the Hon^{ble}. Joseph B. Varnum had — 2 —

Atton January 4th 1789

Then the Select men appointed a Town meeting to be at the meeting House in said Town on Thursday the Twentieth Day of January Instant at one of the Clock in the afternoon for the Purpose of giving in their votes for a Representative to represent the District of Middlesex in the Congress of the united States

January 4th 1789 the Town being met for the Purpose afore said the following Gentlemen had the votes set against their names viz.

The Hon^{ble}. Elbridge Gary had — 37
 Hon^{ble}. Elizer Brooks — 4
 James Winthrop Esq — 11
 General Hull — 3

Atton. February 9th 1789

Then the Select men appointed a Town meeting to be at the meeting House in said Town on the first Monday of March next Twelve of the Clock at noon to consider and determine on the following articles viz —

- 1 To chuse a Moderator for to govern said meeting
- 2 To chuse Town officers for the year Enfollowing
- 3 To be if the Town will agree to work at the highways by a Rate this Present year also how much money the Town will have to repair said High ways and Pass any votes that may be thought Proper relating to that affair
- 4 To be if the Town will agree to let the wine run at large this Present year

Atton. March 9th 1789

at a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Atton in Jones Brooks was chosen Moderator and proceeded as follows viz
 Francis Faulkner was chosen Town Clerk. Francis Faulkner, Thomas Hodges and Solomon Hayward were chosen Select men and assessors Ephraim Torbush and Robert Cheffier was chosen Constables William Cutting and — was chosen Wardens Benjamin Brabrook was chosen Town Treasurer. Simon Hayward, Francis Faulkner, John Deater, Jonas Heald, John Heywood, Ephraim Cutting and — was chosen Surveyors of Highways Aaron Jones was chosen Scales of Weights and Measures. William Randall and John Deater was chosen Justices of the Peace. Samuel Wright and Silas Conant was chosen Viewers. Daniel Daker and Joseph Piper Jr was chosen Surveyors of the Woods and Timber. Joseph Cheffier was chosen Surveyor of the Timber and Plank. Samuel Jones and James Cutting was chosen Surveyors of Slaves and Negroes. Jones Davis was chosen Informer of Deeds. Stephen Law Jr and Samuel Holmes was chosen Hay Stivers. Solomon Burgess and Silas Conant was chosen Fish Stivers. all the above officers took the several Oaths to well them to serve in their respective offices as the Law Directs and they that are required by Law took and subscribed the oath of Allegiance.

- 3 voted to work at the High ways by a Rate this Present year also voted that the Town be assessed for one hundred and twenty pounds to repair said Highways and that every Person have liberty to lay his High way Rate in Labour in the following manner viz that men's Labour be four Shillings p^{ce} Day and one pair of oxen and Cart the same untill the first Day of August next and two Shillings 1st Day from that time to the first Day of November next at which time the Surveyors are directed to return their Rates Lists with the names that each Person has worked out of his Rate.

unto the select men and the select men are directed if there be any Person that has not paid his said taxes to commit said taxes to the Constables with warrants to collect the same

- 4 voted that the Town shall at Large this Present year

Acton. March. 9th 1789

Then the select men appointed a Town meeting to be at the meeting house in said Town on the first Monday of April next at one of the clock in the afternoon to consider and determine on the following articles viz

- 1 for the Town to give in their votes for a Governor-Lieut Governor and Senators
- 2 to chuse a moderator for to govern said meeting
- 3 To be if the Town will agree that the Town Constables shall warn all the annual Town meetings in this Town for the future by sitting up their warrants for the meetings at the meeting house door
- 4 To be if the Town will agree to keep a grammar School in this Town this Present year and pass any votes relating to said School

Acton April 9th 1789 at a legal Town meeting at the meeting house in said Town the Town proceeded as follows first they gave in their votes for a Governor-Lieut Governor & Senators and the following gentlemen had the number of votes set against their names

For a Governor	
His Excellency John Hancock	46 votes
His Hon ^{ble} John Hancock	10 do
His Hon ^{ble} James Bowdoin	
Lieut Governor	
The Hon ^{ble} Samuel Adams	43 do
The Hon ^{ble} Benjamin Lincoln	8 do
William Hull Esq ^r	1
Senators	
The Hon ^{ble} Nathaniel Folsom	25
Hon ^{ble} Ebenezer Brooks	20
Hon ^{ble} Joseph Folger	46
Hon ^{ble} Ebenezer Bridge	21
Hon ^{ble} Joseph Varnum	31
James Levens Esq ^r	3
William McManis	25
William Thompson Esq ^r	14
James Lee	16
William Hull Esq ^r	12
Joseph Curtis Esq ^r	24
Timothy Wynn	2

- 2 Francis Faulkner was chosen moderator and proceeded as follows

- 3 The Dupin was put on the third article whether the Constables shall warn all the annual Town meetings in this Town by sitting up their warrants for said meetings for the future at the meeting house and the vote passed in the affirmative
- 4 the fourth article was Propounded and referred to the next meeting

Acton April 20th 1789

Then the select men appointed a Town meeting to be at the meeting house in said Town on Monday the fourth day of May next at one of the clock in the afternoon for the purpose of choosing a Representative and to act on the articles viz

- 1 To chuse a moderator for to govern said meeting
- 2 To be how much money the Town will have to Defray the necessary charges that may or shall arise this Present year within the same
- 3 To be how much money the Town will have to Support a Reading and writing School this Present year and pass any votes that may be thought proper relating to said School
- 4 To be how much money the Town will have to Support a women School this Present year
- 5 To be if the Town will agree to chuse a Committee to visit a Comonalty that is appointed by the Court of Sessions to visit the Head from Concord to Lunenburg to be if it is necessary to make any alterations in the same and to act in Behalf of the Town as they shall Judge best for the Town and Publick
- 6 To be if the Town will accept of those Prisons whose names whose the select men shall lay before the Town to serve on the Petit Jury of Trials at the several Courts as the Law directs
- 7 To be if the Town will agree to keep a grammar School this Present year

Acton May 4th 1789

At a legal Town meeting of lawful meeting at the meeting house in said Town the question was put whether the Town a Defruct will chuse a Representative to represent them in the General Court this year and if it be so the Negatives then the inhabitants of Acton chuse a Representative and proceeded as follows

- 2 voted that eighty Pounds be raised to Defray the necessary charges that may arise in this Town this Present year
- 3 voted forty nine Pounds for the Reading and writing School this Present year
- 4 voted that Francis Faulkner Samuel Davies Joseph Robbins James Smith & Lieut Hayes be a Committee to visit on the Court Comonalty that are left to visit the Head in the Town and to act as they shall Judge best for the Town and Publick

- 6 the question was put whether the Town with Receipts of these Persons whose names the Selectmen Before them to serve on the Petty Jury of trials at the General Courts as the Law Directs voted in the Affirmative
- 7 Repaired to the next meeting

Acton May 4th 1789

Then the Selectmen appointed a meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of and District of Carlisle at the meeting house in said Town on Tuesday 12th Day of May instant for the purpose of choosing a Representative to represent them in the General Court the year ensuing

May 12th 1789 at a meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Acton and District of Carlisle for the purpose of choosing a Representative the question was put whether said Town and District will choose a Representative and it being in the Affirmative and Lieut Thomas Noyes was chosen and accepted

Acton Nov 1st 1789

Then the Selectmen appointed a Town meeting to be at the meeting House on Thursday the nineteenth Day of November Instant at one of the Clock in the afternoon to consider and Determine on the following articles (viz)

- 1 To Choose a Moderator for to govern said meeting
- 2 To See if the Town will agree to prosecute the Town of Concord or Candan for the Expense that has arisen to this Town in supporting one Edward Piper in his sickness in this Town this present year Supposed to be an inhabitant of said Concord or Candan and pass any votes that may be thought proper for the above purpose
- 3 To See if the Town will agree to keep a Grammar School any part of the present year also to See if the Town will agree to make any alterations in the School Districts in this Town and pass any votes that may be thought proper Relating to the School in this Town
- 4 Fourthly to See if the Town will agree to repair several Bridges in this Town and raise money for that Purpose and pass any votes Relating thereto that may be thought proper

Acton Nov 19th 1789

At a legal Town meeting at the meeting house in said Town Francis Faulkner was Chosen Moderator and proceeded as follows on the second article the question was put whether the Town will choose a committee to prosecute the Town of Concord or Candan for money Expended what forth in said article voted in the Affirmative and Francis Faulkner Thomas Noyes & Simon were Chosen a committee for said Purpose

3 article it was voted that the Selectmen view a Place where the School House now in Thorpe may be moved to accommodate a School District built and Report to the Town

- 4 on the fourth Twenty Pounds raised in addition to Eighty Pounds raised Last may meeting

Acton February 4th 1790

Then the Selectmen appointed a Town Meeting to be at the meeting house in said Town on the first Monday of March next to consider and Determine on the following articles

- 1 To Choose a Moderator for to govern said meeting
- 2 To Choose Town officers for the year ensuing
- 3 To See if the Town will agree to work at the Highways by estimate this present year also to See how much money the Town will raise to repair said ways and pass any votes that may be thought proper when met Relating to that affair
- 4 To See how much money the Town will raise to defray the Highway Charges that may arise this present year also to See how much money the Town will raise to support a School the year ensuing and pass any votes Relating to altering the School Districts that the Town shall think proper when met
- 5 to See if the Town will agree to let the Swine Run at large this present year

Acton March 4th 1790 at a General Town meeting house in said Town it being legally warned as appointed by the Return of the Constables on his warrant Mr Jones Brooks was Chosen Moderator and proceeded as follows

Francis Faulkner was Chosen Town Clerk Francis Faulkner Capt Jones Hubbard and Aaron Jones were Chosen Selectmen and officers Lieut Benjamin Brabrook was Chosen Town Treasurer John Hunt and Samuel Tuttle were Chosen wardens Moses Woods & Stephen Law were Chosen fence viewers Daniel Davies & Nathaniel Faulkner were Chosen Surveyors of Lands Oliver Jones and Edward Withers were Surveyors of Woods and Mass David Forbush Silas Conant Joseph Brown & Robert Chaffer were Chosen Fish wardens Daniel Dewar Simon Hayward David Davies Eph Forbush Seth Brooks Simon Tuttle and Stephen Hayward Surveyors of Highways Seth Brooks and William Thibault Chosen Tithing men The Deacons Tuttle and Paul Hunt were chosen all which took the oaths required by Law to qualify them to act in their offices during the year ensuing

3 voted that, one Hundred and twenty be granted and applied for to Repair the Highways in this Town. this present year and that, every man have liberty to work out his high way Rate in the following manner viz. 1 man Labour to be four Shillings p' Day and one Pair of Oxen & Cart, or Plow the same until the first Day of September next, & huff the above Price for Labour from that time until the first Day of November next. — voted that, the Surveyors at that time do return their Rate Lists to the Overseers and what remains there unpaid to be by them delivered to the Constables to be collected with the town Rate

4 voted that the Town be applied for forty nine pounds to Support a School in this Town. this present year voted that, the granting money to Defray Town Charges be referred to the next Town meeting

5 voted that, the Town meet at Large this present year

Atton. March 22nd 1790 then the Select. men appointed a Town. meeting to be at the meeting house in said Town on the first Monday of April next at one of the Clock in the afternoon to consider and determine on the following articles viz

1 to give in their votes for a Governor & two Governor Senators & Councilors — then to act on Town affairs

1 To chuse a Moderator for to govern said meeting

2 To see if the Town will agree to raise a sum of money, to Defray the necessary Charges in this Town this present year and to see if the Town will make any alterations in the School Defracts referred to this meeting

3 To see if the Town will give Liberty to the hire of Dr John Sayles or their Gardener, to Shut up the way that leads through the farm that belongs to said hire for three years next ensuing

4 To see if the Town will agree to abate the Rates of Daniel Barker for the year 1782

Atton. April 2nd 1790

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Atton for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Governor & two Governor Senators and Councilors the following Gentlemen had the dit. against their names and to attend several Articles in Town affairs as follows

His Excellency John Hancock had. — 47 votes

A Just. Governor

The Hon^{ble} Samuel Adams — 39

Senators

The Hon^{ble} Nathaniel Gorham had 41

The Hon^{ble} Eliezer Brooks — 28

The Hon^{ble} Joseph Raper — 40

The Hon^{ble} Ebenezer Bridge — 27

The Hon^{ble} Joseph B. Cornum. — 40

The Hon^{ble} Walter McFarlin — 23

The Hon^{ble} Isaac Starns — 1

James Northrop Esq^r — 1

M^r Jones Lee — 9

M^r Stephen Bingham — 1

Joseph Curtis Esq^r — 7

William Hall Esq^r — 1

Oliver Barron Esq^r — 1

The inhabitants of said ^{Town} chuse of W^m Ephraim Hopner Moderator for the meeting and Proceed as follows

2 The Auction began whether the Town will raise a sum of money to Defray the necessary Charges this present year and it was referred to the next meeting and then the Town voted to chuse a committee of seven men to view the Situation of the School Defracts and report to the Town at the next meeting whether it is their opinion that, it will be best for the Town to make any alterations in said Defracts and M^r Jonathan Hopner Thomas Hayes James Davies Simon Hayward Benjⁿ Brabrook Simon Hunt & Eph^m Haywood was chosen for that purpose

3 The Select. men with Daniel Davies Thomas Hayes Simon Tuttle Joseph Brown were chosen a committee for Examining the Lists of the Disfranch. Constables up to the year 1789 and report to the Town at the next meeting what abatements they Judge reasonable to be made on said Lists

Then the Town voted that, Francis Fauthner Thomas Hayes and Jones Brooks Simon Tuttle Simon Hunt and Robert. Chaffin be a committee to settle with the Select. men and Town Surveyors and report to the Town at the next meeting

4 voted that, the hire of Dr John Swift have liberty to put up Bars across the Town way leading through said farm during the Town Meeting

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Acton April 4th 1790 at a general Town meeting of the
Inhabitants of the Town of Acton & District of Carlisle

Acton April 4th 1790 then the select men appointed a
a meeting of the legal voters of the inhabitants of said
Town of Acton and District of Carlisle for the purpose of
choosing a Representative to represent them in the General
Court the year ensuing and for said Town to act on the articles
hereafter mentioned

- 1 To Chuse a Moderator for to govern said meeting
- 2 To see how much money the Town will have to pay for the
the Hierarchy Charges that have or shall arise this present
year within the same. Referred to this meeting
- 3 To hear the Report of the Committee that was chosen to
settle with the Town Treasurer and select men and to act
thereon as the Town shall think proper
- 4 To hear the Report of the Committee that are chosen
to view the Situation of the School Districts and Reports
to the Town whether it will be convenient to make any
alterations in said Districts
- 5 To hear the Report of the Committee that is chosen to
examine the Suits of the Defuncts Constables up to the
year 1789 and what such Suits as they shall Judge reasonable
- 6 To see if the Town will agree to seat the meeting House
and pay any votes relating to that affair

Acton May 13th 1790 at a general Town meeting of the
Inhabitants of the Town of Acton and District of Carlisle
Mr Ephraim Robbins of Carlisle was Chose Moderator
and then the inhabitants of the Town of Acton Proceeded
as follows Mr Ephraim Robbins was Chose Moderator

- 2 The second article referred to the next Town meeting
- 3 The Report of the Committee that was chosen to settle
with the Town Treasurer and select men was read and
accepted and is as follows that for the future the select men
do that every order given by them or their order is the order
in Book for that purpose and mention in the order which
year said order is given upon and that the Treasurers
do the same

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4 The Committee that was was chosen to view the Situation of the
School Districts and Reports. Reported that in their opinion it
will not be any advantage to make any alteration in said Districts
except it be made in the Center District. Then the question
was put whether the Town will make any alteration in said
District and no vote obtained for that purpose

- 5 The Committee that was chosen to make abatements of Rates
up to the year 1789 Reported that sundry Persons on the Rate
Suits that are not paid be abated the names of the Persons and
Sums abated may appear on the Report of said Committee
on file
- 6 voted to seat the meeting house according age and Day in
Rates for three years last past and that said Mr. Joseph Francis
Faulkner Jones Brooks Aaron Jones Willm. Kindall be a Committee
for that purpose

Acton August 18th 1790 then the select men appointed a Town
meeting to be at the meeting house in said Town on Monday
the first Day of Sep^r next at two of the Clock in the afternoon
to consider and determine on the following articles viz

- 1 To Chuse a Moderator for to govern said meeting
- 2 To see how much money the Town will have to pay for the
the Hierarchy Charges that have or may arise this present year
and appropriate a Part of the money that shall be granted if
they be laid to pay the Towns Debts and pay any votes that
the Town shall think proper
- 3 To hear the Report of the Committee that was Chose to seat
the meeting house and to act thereon as the Town shall think
proper

Acton Sep^r 1st 1790 at a general Town Meeting at the meeting
House in said Town it being legally warned as appeared by
the Returns of the Constables on their warrant Mr Ephraim
Robbins was Chosen Moderator and Proceeded as follows
voted that all the Constables that have Rates to collect make
a full Settlement with the Treasurer in two months from this Day
also voted that the select men lay before the Town annually
the Expenses of each family and the other inward debts of the Town
Door

- 3 The Report of the Committee for seating the meeting House was read
and accepted and the meeting was adjourned to the next Town
meeting at four o'clock afternoon for the purpose of raising money

Acton August 4th 1790

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Then the Select men appointed a Town meeting to be at the meeting house in said town on Monday the fourth day of October next for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Representative to represent the District of Middlesex in the Congress of the United States

Acton October 4th 1790

At a legal Town meeting for the purpose above mentioned the Hon^{ble} Nathaniel Gorham held Twenty votes and the Hon^{ble} Elbridge Gary had Twenty votes the meeting that was adjourned from the first day of September to this day for the purpose of raising money was further adjourned to the second Monday of November next at two of the clock in the afternoon.

Nov^r 4th 1790 the Town being met according to adjournment voted that the Select men be a Committee to settle with Sils Brooks collector of the Delinquency of Daniel Berkers Rate Lists and the meeting was adjourned to the 22nd day of Nov^r Instant at one of the clock in the afternoon.

Nov^r 22nd 1790 the Town being met according to adjournment the Question was put whether the Town will raise money to defray the necessary charges for the present year and it passed in the Negative and then it was voted that Capt Joseph Robbins and Jonas Brooks be joined to the Committee to settle with Sils Brooks for his service in collecting the money that was due on Daniel Berkers Rate Lists and the meeting was dissolved.

Acton Nov^r 22nd 1790

Then the Select men appointed a Town Meeting to be at the meeting house in said town on Monday 4th 6th day of Decem^r next at one of the clock in the afternoon to convene and determine on the following articles viz

- 1 To chuse a Moderator for to Govern said meeting
- 2 To see how much money the Town will raise to defray the necessary charges that shall or may arise this present year and to pay the remainder of the money the Town owes and pass any votes that may be thought proper respecting the same

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- 3 To see if the Town will grant Liberty to Capt Daniel Davis & others to build a School House on the Town Land near the meeting house they building said house by subscription

Acton December 4th 1790 at a general Town meeting at the meeting house in said town it being legally warned as appeared by the Returns of the Constable on their warrants Mr Jonas Brooks was chosen Moderator and proceeded as follows

- 2 The Question was put whether the Town will grant Sixty Pounds to defray the necessary charges in the Town the present year voted in the Affirmative and then the Town granted forty Pounds to pay the Towns Debts to be paid to the Treasurers in three months also granted Eighty Pounds for the third Mr Moses Adams Sallery

the Town then chose a Committee to settle with and Simon Hayward for repairing the Bridge over the River at his mills

Acton February 4th 1791 then the Select men appointed a Town meeting to be at the meeting house in said town on the first Monday of March next at Twelve of the Clock at noon to convene and determine on the following articles viz

- 1 To chuse a Moderator for to Govern said meeting
- 2 To chuse town officers for the year ensuing
- 3 To see if the Town will agree to work at the High ways by a rate this present year and raise a sum of Money for the purpose of repairing said ways and pass any votes that may be thought proper when met relating to that affair
- 4 To see what method the Town will agree upon to support the Poor the year ensuing and pass any other votes relating to Building a house to support said Poor in for the future or any other way the Town shall think proper
- 5 To see if the Town will accept of any way or ways that may be legally laid before the Town at the meeting
- 6 To see if the Town will chuse a Committee to complete the settlement with the Town Treasurers and Select men
- 7 To see if the Town will discontinue Proctor Adams so called Sawing the Towns Sallery

To be if the Town will agree to reduce the number of School
 Defends in this Town from seven as they now are to four or five in
 number and Pass any votes that may be thought proper relating to
 that affair -

To be if the Town will agree to let the Swine Run at Large this Present
 year -

Action March 4th 1791 at a general Town meeting at the meeting
 house in said Town it being legally warned as appeared by the Returns
 of the Constables on their warrants the Town proceeded as follows
 and Jones Brooks was chosen Town Moderator Francis Faulkner
 was chosen Town Clerk Francis Faulkner Jones Stoddard and Aaron
 Jones was chosen select men and assessors and Benjⁿ Crabrook
 was chosen Town Treasurer Silas Dyer John Wheeler Stephen Dyer
 Silas Conant Jonathan Davis Jonathan Davis James Fletcher
 Seth Brooks and Aaron Jones were chosen Surveyors of High
 ways John Decker School of waits and Musicians

~~John Hoady~~ Samuel Hayward chosen fighting men
 John Hayward and Nathl Faulkner fence viewers Samuel Jones
 and Edward Withers Surveyors of Highways Daniel Davis
 and Seth Brooks Surveyors of Lumber Daniel Davis & David
 Barnard Surveyors of wood Joseph Brown Calvin Hayward and
 Isaac Mills Haygroves Jones Brooks Isaac Brook Edwards
 Withers & Stephen Shepard were chosen Fish wardens
 the above Town officers are sworn to the faithful discharge of their
 duties

on the third article it was voted that the Town be applied for one
 a rate this Present year also voted that the Town be applied for one
 hundred pounds to repair the high ways and that every man have
 Liberty to work out his high way rate at four shillings p^r and the
 same sum for one pair of Oxen and last untill the first Day of
 September and half the above Price the remainder of the year
 also voted that Joseph Robbins Daniel Davis John Hayward Francis
 Faulkner & Moses Richardson be a committee to inspect and repair
 the bridges in this Town the Present year and the Surveyors to
 apply to said Committee for that purpose and it
 was voted that Joseph Robbins Thomas Hayes Jones Brooks Moses
 Richardson & Daniel Davis be a committee with the select men
 to view the highway from Aaron Jones to Capt Hunts and Report
 to the Town their opinion respecting laying out said way
 and then the meeting was adjourned to the first Monday of
 April next at four of the clock in the afternoon

April 4th 1791 the Town being met according to adjournment Proceeded
 as follows Seth Brooks and Benjamin Hayward was chosen Constables
 the Town to allow them five pounds p^r Town for their services collecting
 the Taxes and the took the oath of their office

the Question was Put whether the Town will agree to build a work
 house to support the Towns Poor in and it was voted in the affirmative
 and Francis Faulkner Jones Brooks Moses Richardson Thomas
 Hayes Robert Cheffin Benⁿ Crabrook and Daniel Davis be a
 Committee to procure a Place to build said house one and Report
 to the Town the Dimensions of said house at next may meeting also
 voted that the above Committee let out said house to be built in the
 Cheapest way and manner they can and lay the Expense before
 the Town at the may meeting aforesaid Report to may meeting

the fifth article Refered to may meeting next

Thomas Hayes Seth Brooks Robert Cheffin Jones Brooks and
 Joseph Brown was chosen a Committee to ^{supp^y} agreement with the
 Town Treasurer and select men and Report to the Town at the
 next may meeting

the Question was Put whether the Town will discontinue Proctor
 mode so called during the Towns ~~Mayor~~ ^{Magistrate} voted in the affirmative

the eighth article Refered to the next may meeting

voted that the Swine Run at Large this Present year

Action March 4th 1791 then the select men appointed a Town
 meeting to be at the meeting house in said Town on the first
 Monday of April next at Twelve of the clock at noon for the
 Purpose of giving in their votes for a Governor Lieut Governor
 & Senators

April 4th 1791 at a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Acton
 for the Purpose of giving in their votes for a Governor Lieut Governor &
 Senators the following Gentlemen had the votes set against their names
 for a governor his Excellency John Hancock had

for a Lieut Governor the Hon ^{ble} Samuel Adams had	26 votes
for a Governor the Hon ^{ble} Samuel Adams had	24 do
for a Governor the Hon ^{ble} John Hancock had	23
for a Governor the Hon ^{ble} John Hancock had	31
for a Governor the Hon ^{ble} John Hancock had	22
for a Governor the Hon ^{ble} John Hancock had	32
for a Governor the Hon ^{ble} John Hancock had	23
for a Governor the Hon ^{ble} John Hancock had	10
for a Governor the Hon ^{ble} John Hancock had	10
for a Governor the Hon ^{ble} John Hancock had	6
for a Governor the Hon ^{ble} John Hancock had	3

Acton April 29th 1791

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Then the select men appointed a Town meeting to be at the meeting house in said Town on Monday the 9th Day of May next for the purpose of choosing a Representative with the Deferral of Carlisle and to act on the following article viz

- 1 To Choose a moderator for to govern said meeting
- 2 To see how much money the Town will raise to Defray the necessary charges that have or may arise this present year within the same
- 3 To see how much money the Town will raise to support the School this present year also to see if the Town will agree to Choose ^{and provide} Schoolmasters and inspect and visit the schools in this Town this present year agreeable to Law
- 4 To see if the Town will raise a Sum of money to pay for Building a work house in this Town and to hear and act on the report of the Committee that is appointed to Build the same
- 5 To see if the Town will agree to reduce the number of School houses in this Town from seven as they now are to four or five in number and pass any votes that may be thought proper relating to that affair referred to this meeting
- 6 To see if the Town will accept of any way or ways that may be suggested before the Town at the meeting
- 7 To see if the Town will agree to pay Mr Stephen Shepard any sum of money as a Bounty for his Service in the army of the United States in the late war with Great Britain

Acton May 9th 1791 at a general Town meeting at the meeting house in said Town Mr Jones Brooks was Chosen Representative by the Town of Acton & Deferr'd of Carlisle the the voted inhabitants of the Town of Acton shoud to act on Town affairs the articles in the warrant are as follows viz 1st Jones Reed was Chosen Moderator

to Choose a Committee

- 2 Voted that the raising money to Defray Town Charges be put off to a future Day that the meeting may be adjourned to
- 3 The Question was put whether the Town will grant forty nine Pounds to support the School in this Town this present year and it passed in the affirmative
- 4 on the fourth article it was voted not to raise money to Build a work house then it was voted that Capt Joseph Brown with the select men purchase for the Town of Maden Brown the Place called Blood farm for the purpose of supporting the Towns Poor on
- 5 Voted to Choose a Committee to examine into situation of the School Deferr'd in this Town and report to the Town their Opinion respecting the

the Deferring the same to a Sep meeting at the next Town meeting and Francis Faulkner Aaron Jones Jones Brooks John Hayward Ephraim Haggard Benjⁿ Hayward Thomas Hayes Simon Tuttle Joseph Hobbs Joseph Brown John Edwards Daniel Davies Jones Reed & myself were Chosen for the Purpose aforesaid

- 3 on the third article after raising ^{forty nine Pounds} money to support the School the Question was put whether the Town will Choose a Committee to provide Schoolmasters and visit and inspect the Schools this present year agreeable to Law voted in the affirmative and Francis Faulkner Jones Brooks Benjⁿ Hayward Thomas Hayes M^r Metherdon Seth Brooks & Jones Reed were Chosen for the above Purpose
- 6 the Question was put whether the Town will accept the ^{the way} laid out by the select men from Aaron Jones by Capt Church & George Metherdon to David Forbush & it. ^{according to the return of said way laid before the Town} passed in the affirmative ^{the above} the way by John Wheeler was accepted according to the return of said way what was laid before the Town
- 7 the Question was put whether the Town will pay to Stephen Shepard any sum of money as a bounty for his Service in the army of the United States and it passed in the Negative and the meeting was adjourned three weeks from this Day at two of the Clock in the afternoon for the purpose of granting money to Defray Town Charges this present year and to hear the Report of the Committee that are sitting with the Town Treasurer & select men

May 13th 1791 the Town being met according to adjournment it was voted that every order given by the select men on the Town Treasurer shall be exhibited to the Treasurer for payment and not rec'd by the collector voted that all orders given for money on the Town Treasurer by the select men shall for the future be signed by the Major Part of them

voted one ~~and~~ ^{forty nine} Pounds to Defray necessary Charges this present year voted that this Town be supplied for the Sum of Eighty pounds for the next Moses Saml Sellers the year ensuing

voted that every Settlement made with the select men and Town Treasurer & the said Mr Adams be recorded in the Town Book voted that Capt Hayes Jones Brooks Robert Chaffin Capt Brown & Seth Brooks be a Committee to settle with the select men & Town Treasurer the week before the next annual meeting

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voted that the Town Committee for Superintending the Bridges Do Build the Town part of the wall on the new Town way from Aaron Jones' by Capt Hunt

Aiton May 4th 1791 then we the Subscribers Led out a way to accommodate David Horbush & others to meeting and to market beginning at a heap of Stones between the land of George Robbins and said Horbush then to a heap of Stones on a large Rock then to a small White oak tree marked then to a heap of Stones near a old dam then to the corner of the wall at Capt Hunt's Land at the end of the well on Pocket meadow hill then to the end of the wall ^{at the} the Gap was then to a heap of Stones at the bar northward of the opened Robbins' Dwelling house said way is a broad way and the markers are on the northward side and two rods wide - then Led out an open way from the last mentioned bound to the way that is kept by the Town to Howtown line then as said way is Led out by Capt Simon Hunt to the end of his line at the north west corner of the wall from thence straight through Land belonging to Paul Hunt to the Brook at a heap of Stones then crossing said Brook through Land of Aaron Jones to a large Chestnut tree marked near a wall then as the wall stands to a heap of Stones at a turn in said wall then to a heap of Stones at the Southwest corner of said Jones' small Barn then straight to the Highway leading by said house said way is two rods wide and the bounds are on the northward side of said way

Francis Faulkner } Select men
Aaron Jones }
Jonas Heard }

Aiton April 4th 1791 we the Subscribers do promise to give toward opening the new proposed way from Aaron Jones' by Capt Simon Hunt and George Robbins' to the first pair of bars as follows viz Aaron Jones gives his land for said Road and the wall on the north side to the Gapway near his barn Francis Faulkner gives forty Shillings Ephraim Horbush gives thirty Shillings George Robbins gives his land and the wall on the north side of said way Capt Simon Hunt gives his land and fence it out Paul Hunt gives his land and the wall on the north side and five Rods on the south side of said way Francis Faulkner

a True Copy of the above agreement

George Robbins
Aaron Jones
Simon Hunt
Ephraim Horbush
Paul Hunt

And it is to be understood that the above Subscribers have made the above proposals on condition that the old ways from David Horbush's Land from Capt Simon Hunt to meeting be discontinued and David Horbush & others agree to give up the bridge and old way through town and Capt Hunt's Land and accept of the way by said George Robbins' house should he still and all the polls that said Land shall live on said estate shall forever be free from paying high way taxes

David Horbush Junr

Aiton May 4th 1791 then we the Subscribers Led out a short cut of way to accommodate Saml Hayward and John Whelan beginning at a heap of Stones near the northward end of said Whelan's Land then to a heap of Stones on a large Rock then to the way that is Led by said Whelan's house said way is two rods wide and the bounds are on the southward side of said way

Francis Faulkner } Select men
Aaron Jones }

Aiton February 13th 1792

then the Select men appointed a Town Meeting to be at the meeting House in said Town on the first Monday of March next at Twelve of the Clock at noon to Consider and Determine on the following articles -

- 1 To Chuse a Moderator for to Govern said meeting
- 2 To Chuse Town officers for to Govern said meeting
- 3 To See if the Town will agree to work at the high ways by a Rate this Present year also to See how much money the Town will have to Repair said ways and Pass any votes that may be thought Proper relating to that affair -
- 4 to Hear the report of the Committee that is Chosen by the Town to Consider of the necessity of reducing the number of School Districts in this Town and to Report their Opinion to the Town respecting the same for the Town to act thereon as they shall think proper and Pass any votes respecting building School Houses in this Town and paying money for that Purpose that may be thought Proper when met
- 5 To See if the Town will agree that the Town meeting shall be warned the year ensuing by the Constables putting up a copy of the warrant near the front door of the meeting house in said Town of Aiton -
- 6 To See if the Town will agree to let the Towns Run at Large this Present year

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Aiton March 4th 1792. at a Legal Town meeting at the meeting house in said Town. m^r Jonas Brooks was Chosen Moderator and the Town Proceeded as follows (viz) Francis Faulkner was Chosen town Clerk Francis Faulkner Thomas Hayes & Jonas Brooks was Chosen Select. men and assessors and Benjamin Gralbrook Chosen Town Treasurer / Simeon Hayward & Seth Brooks was Chosen Constables and Collectors of Taxes they to receive five pence farthing on the pound for their services in collecting the Taxes in one year from the time they receive their Rate Bills. Aaron Jones was Chosen Sealer of weights and measures Josiah Whitney John Hobbs John Hayward Samuel & White and Moses Richardson Stephen Lewis and Aaron Jones & Solomon Smith was Chosen Surveyors of high ways Moses Richardson and Samuel Parlin was Chosen Sutting men John Wheeler and Jonas Davis was Chosen fined sewers Jonas Brook John Hobbs Joseph Piper Jun^r and Jonas Davis was Chosen fifth wardians Robert Chaffin and Daniel Davis was Chosen Surveyor of Lumber Samuel Jones Jun^r and James Billings was Chosen Surveyors of Hoops & Staves Moses Richardson Surveyor of Beef & Pork. James Fletcher Surveyor of wood. Elias Piper Joseph Quilly John Hobbs & Stephen Davis was Chosen Hog Rovers

The above officers to the Duties to qualify them to serve in their respective offices

3 the Question was put whether the Town will agree to work at the high ways by a Rate this present year and it passed in the affirmative also the Town voted & granted one Hundred and twenty Pounds to Repair said ways also voted that a man shall be allowed him in his high way Rate four Shillings p^r Day for his Labour and the same sum for one pair of Oxen and Cart until the first Day of September next and half the sum from that time until the last Day of Nov^r and shall return their Rate Lists with as exact account of what shall then be due from each individual on said Lists to the assessors and that the assessors commit the same to the collectors to be collected with the Town Rate

5 voted that the next April and March Town meetings be warned by the Constable Disting^uish up a copy of the warrants near the front Door of the meeting house in said Town of Aiton

6 voted that the Swine Run at Large this present year and the meeting was adjourned to the first Monday of April next at four of the clock in the afternoon for the purpose of Chusing Constables & Collectors and hearing the Report of the Committee respecting the School Districts

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April 4th 1792 the Town being met according to adjournment Seth Brooks & Simeon Hayward was Chosen Constables and Collectors of taxes and sworn

the Report of the Committee that was Chosen to give their opinion respecting reducing the number of School Districts in this town was Read and the Question was put whether the Town will agree to Reduce the number of School Districts from seven as they now are to four and it passed in the Negative and then it was voted that Francis Faulkner Aaron Jones Jonas Brooks Josiah Whitney Daniel Davis Tho^s Hayes Robert Chaffin Daniel Shepard Cap^t Hobbs Moses Richardson Nath^l Faulkner Seth Brooks Jonas Field & Solomon Smith be a Committee to see if the Town can be best accommodated with five School Districts

Aiton March 19th 1792 then the Select. men appointed a Town Meeting to be at the meeting house in said town on the first Monday of April next at one of the clock in the afternoon to give in their votes for a Governor-Lieut Governor Senators and Councilors agreeable to the Constitution of this Commonwealth

Aiton April 4th 1792 at a Legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Aiton for the purpose above mentioned the following Gent^l had the votes sit against their names viz

for a Governor	
Mr. Esaulney John Flareock head	32 votes
Hon ^{ble} Samuel Phillips	7
Hon ^{ble} Oliver Prescott	6
a Lieut Governor	
Hon ^{ble} Samuel Adams	37
Hon ^{ble} Samuel Phillips	6
Senators	
Hon ^{ble} Ebenezer Brooks	24
Hon ^{ble} Joseph Holmes	42
Hon ^{ble} Ebenezer Bridge	37
Hon ^{ble} Joseph B. Varnum	40
Hon ^{ble} James Stearns	33
Hon ^{ble} Walter M. Carlson	21
Josiah Whitney Esq ^r	14
Sam ^l Doxler Esq ^r	1
Francis Faulkner Esq ^r	4
m ^r Jones Lee	3

Acton. April 24th 1792.

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Then the Select men appointed a Town meeting to meet with the inhabitants of the District of Carlisle at the meeting house in said Town on Sunday the ninth Day of May next at one of the Clock in the afternoon for the Purpose of choosing a Representative and for the votable inhabitants of the Town of Acton to confer and determine on the following Articles viz

- 1 To Choose a Moderator for to govern said meeting
- 2 To see how much money the Town will raise to Defray the Sundry Charges that have arisen or shall arise this present year within the same
- 3 to see how much money the Town will raise to Support a School and pass any votes respecting choosing a Committee to set up an infant the School and any other votes respecting the regulating the said Schools that the Town shall think proper when met
- 4 To hear the Report of the Committee that was Chosen to settle with the Select men and Town Treasurer Likewise to hear the Report of the Committee that was Chosen to settle for the Town to settle accounts with Capt Daniel Davies Seth Brooks and Abraham Hapgood also the Report of the Committee that is Chosen to consider and Report their Opinion whether five School Districts will be more convenient for the Town than any other number that has been Proposed and to act upon the above Reports as the town shall think proper when met
- 5 To see if the town will agree to accept of these Persons whose names the Select men shall lay before the Town to serve on the State Jury at the Supreme Judicial Court Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace in the County of Middlesex

Acton May 29th 1792

at a Legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Acton and District of Carlisle W Jones Brooks was Chosen to Represent said Town and District in General Court the year ensuing then the votable inhabitants of said town of Acton. Pled to act on the above articles which were Legally laid before the Town Joseph Whitney Esq was Chosen Moderator

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- 2 the Question was put whether the Town will grant Ninety Pounds to Defray the Sundry Charges & Eighty for the Rev Mr Moseley's Salary the present year voted in the affirmative
- 3 it was Propounded whether the town will grant fifty six pounds to Support the School in this Town this present year and it was voted in the affirmative also voted that each School District shall have the money they pay to School Mates expended in the School in their District also voted that a Committee be Chosen to set up the School and inspect them also voted that Capt Joseph Hobbes Francis Faulkner Joseph Whitney Esq Thomas Hoyer Jones Neal Jonas Brooks and Daniel Davies be a Committee for that Purpose also voted that seven Pounds of the above sum granted for the School be expended in a woman School in the same proportion that the Town has voted to expend the money for Schooling

Acton Sep^r 27th 1792 then the Select men appointed a Town Meeting to be at the meeting house in said Town on Sunday the fourth Day of September instant at three of the Clock in the afternoon to confer and determine on the following Articles viz

- 1 To Choose a Moderator for to govern said meeting
- 2 to see if the Town will permit a pest house to be opened in this Town for the purpose of inoculation for the Small Pox under the direction of Dr Abras^r Skinner and pass any votes that may be thought proper respecting the regulating said pest house

Acton September the 4th 1792 at a Legal Town meeting of the freeholders and other votable Inhabitants of said Town Joseph Brooks Moderator on the second Article in the warrant for calling said meeting for the purpose of permitting a Pest house or houses to be opened in said town for inoculation for the Small Pox, voted that a Pest house or houses be opened in this Town for the Purpose of inoculation for the Small Pox Provided that said house or houses can be procured with safety for the inhabitants of said Town also voted that the Select men with Capt Ephraim Hapgood make Richard Son be a Committee for the purpose to procure the house or houses for the above Purpose at the expense of these Persons who shall improve the same and to inspect and regulate regulation to be made as they shall Judge will be most for the safety of the People also voted that no Person shall be inoculated for the Small Pox after the first Day of Nov^r next without first their Liberty from this Town

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Acton October 7th 1792 then the select men appointed a Town meeting to be at the meeting house in said Town on Friday the second Day of Nov^r next at one the clock in the afternoon to consider and Determine on the following articles viz

- 1 to give in their votes for Representatives for the Congress of the United States then to consider and Determine on the following articles
- 2 To Chuse a Moderator
- 3 To Se if the Town will give Liberty for inoculating with the Small Pox in the Hospitals that are licensed by the Court of Sessions after the first Day of November Next.
- 4 To Se if the Town will agree to build a School house near the meeting house in this town and pass any votes relating to building a School house or School houses that the Town shall think proper

Acton November 2^d 1792 at a legal Town meeting at the meeting house in said Town the following Gentlemen had the votes here set against their names Joseph B. Vernon 30 Samuel Deater 4 - Suffolk William Heath 15 - Benj. Sully 17 - Fisher Ames 14 - Eph. Benj^r Goodhue 34 - for the first District. Willm^r Heath & Eben^r Bridge 9 - Saml Deater 8 - James Baldwin 1 - for one at Large David Cobb 24

- 2 Josiah Whitney Esq^r was chosen Moderator
- 3 voted that inoculating for the Small Pox be continued until Thursday next.
- 4 on the fourth article voted that the town shall be formed into four Districts for schools and build four School Houses and then voted to Chuse a Committee of thirteen men to form the Town into four School Districts and agree upon the place where each of said Houses shall stand and report there proceeding to the Town at the next Town meeting and Jones Head Francis Faulkner Josiah Whitney Daniel Davis Aaron Jones Joseph Hobbins Simeon Hayward Jones Brooks Thomas Hayes Benjⁿ Brabrook John Edward Simon Lath and Stevens Hayward was chosen for the above Purpose

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Acton January 4th 1793 then the select men appointed a Town meeting to be at the meeting house in said Town on Monday the 14th Day of January Instant at one of the clock in the afternoon for the purpose of giving in their votes for one Representative for Congress agreeable to the Direction from the Governor and to act on the following articles

- 2 To Chuse a Moderator for to govern said meeting
- 3 To hear the Report of the Committee that was chosen at the last Town meeting to report to the Town the where the four School houses to accommodate the Town with four School Districts shall be built and to Se how much money the Town will have to build said School Houses and pass any other votes relating to the building said house and the disposing of the old School Houses that the Town shall think proper when met
- 4 To Se if the Town will agree to Petition the General Court on the application that is made to them by a Committee of the Town of Welford

Acton January 14th 1793 at a legal Town meeting at the meeting house in said the following Gentlemen had the votes for a Representative for the first District that are set against their names viz the Hon^l William Heath had 34 votes and the Hon^l Joseph Hopner had 8 Do

- 2 Josiah Whitney Esq^r was chosen Moderator and Proceeded as follows
- 3 the Question was put Whether the Town will accept of the report of their Committee in fixing the places where the four School Houses shall stand to accommodate the Town with four Districts and it passed in the negative
- 4 voted that m^r Jones Brooks in behalf of this Town Petition the General Court that an Academy may be established in the Town of Welford

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Acton February 4th 1793 Men. the select men. appointed a Town meeting to be at the meeting house in said Town of Acton on the first Monday of March next at Twelve of the clock at noon. to Consider and Determine on the following articles —

- 1 To Chuse a Moderator for to Govern said meeting
- 2 To Chuse Town officers for the year ensuing
- 3 To See if the Town will agree to work at the high ways by a Rate this present year also to See how much money the Town will keep to Repair the high ways and pass any other votes relating to that affair that may be thought proper when met
- 4 To See if the Town will agree that the Annual Town meetings in the months of March & April in this Town shall be warned by Posting up copies of the warrants on the meeting house in this town near the front Door until the Town shall agree that they shall be warned otherwise
- 5 To See if the Town will agree to grant to m^r Simon Hayward and others their School money agreeable to their request in a Petition that will be Laid before the Town at the meeting
- 6 To See if the Town will reconsider the votes that they passed at a Town meeting in November last relating to the building of School houses in this Town and agree to build one School house in this Town
- 7 To See if the Town will agree to let the shine Run at Large this present year
- 8 To See if the Town will agree to Chuse a Committee to fenn the Town into five School Districts and pass any votes relating to building School Houses in this Town that they shall think proper

March 4th 1793 at a legal Town meeting of the votable inhabitants of the Town of Acton Joseph Whitney Esq^r was Chosen Moderator and the Proceedings were as follows — Francis Faulkner was Chosen Town Clerk Francis Faulkner Jones Brooks & James Hayes select men & assessors John Robbins was Chosen Town Treasurer John Hayward Moses Kuchedson Aaron Jones & John Robbins fish wardens Edward Witherbee Aaron Jones Joseph Brown John Hayward Stephen Law Jos^{ph} Elijah Davies Thomas Hayes Seth Brooks & Jonathan Rogers Surveyors of High ways — Job & Brooks & Jones Davis fence viewers John Wheeler & George Robbins Justice men Amos Hayes & Edward Witherbee Surveyors of Woods & Sworn

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Nathaniel Faulkner & Seth Brooks Surveyors of Roads & other Lumber that the Law requires to be Sworn Laid John Hayward Amos Hayes Simon Hayward & Sam^l Wright Jos^{ph} Hayes Simon Hayward & Seth Brooks Constables and the above officers were Sworn

- 3 voted to work at the High ways by a Rate this present year also to give one hundred & twenty pounds to Repair the high ways and votes that every man have liberty to work out his high way Rate at four Shillings a Day and the same Sum for one pair of Oxen and a cart. untill the first Day of September next. and from that time to the first Day of December one half of the above wages for men & team also voted that the Surveyors return their Rate Lists to the assessor on the first Day of December next giving Credit for which is paid and the assessor are directed to collect said Lists to the Constable with warrants to Collect what shall be due and unpaid on said Lists and the meeting was adjourned to the first Monday of April next at three of the clock in the afternoon in order to complete the business of the meeting

April 4th 1793 the Town being met according to adjournment Capt John Hayward was Chosen a Justice man & sworn Jones Davis was Chosen a Surveyor of High ways & sworn

- 4 the Question was Put whether the town meetings in March & April shall be warned for the future by posting the warrants on the meeting & it Passed in the negative
- 5 the Question was Put whether the Town will grant to Simon Hayward and others their School money agreeable to their Petition Laid before the Town & it Passed in the negative
- 6 on a motion made the Question was put whether the Town will reconsider the vote that they Passed at a Town meeting in November last relating to building School Houses and agree to build one School house in the Town and it Passed in the Negative
- 7 voted that the shine Run at Large this present year
- 8 voted to Chuse a Committee to agree upon the Places where each of the four School Houses shall stand to be convenient for each District and George Robbins John Hunt James Faulkner Abraham Hapgood John Adam Daniel Shepard Sam^l Parker Robert Cheffer Elizabetha Joseph Brabrook James Davis Jonathan Davies Jonathan Davies Will^m Reed & John Deater was Chosen for the above Purpose and to report their Proceedings to the Town

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Aiton. March 9th 1793 then the select men appointed a Town Meeting to be at the meeting house in said Town on the first Monday of April next at Twelve of the Clock at noon for the Purpose of giving in their votes for a Governor and Governor Senators & Councilors agreeable to the Constitution of this Commonwealth — also to give in their votes for one representative to represent the first District viz Suffolk Essex & Middlesex in the Congress of the united States of America

Aiton Monday April 9th 1793 at a legal meeting of the votable inhabitants of said Town of Aiton at the meeting house in said Town for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Governor and Governor Senators & the following Gentlemen the votes here set against their Names

For a Governor —

His Excellency John Hancock had 33 votes

For a Lieut. Governor

The Hon^{ble} Samuel Adams Esq had 29 Do

For Senators & Councilors

The Hon^{ble} Eleazer Brooks had — 9

Hon^{ble} Joseph Hopner — 39

Hon^{ble} Elbridge Gary — 29

Hon^{ble} Joseph B. Varnum — 37

Hon^{ble} Ebenezer Bridge — 9

Hon^{ble} Walter M. Farlin — 24

Hon^{ble} Isaac Adams — 6

David Wright Esq — 11

John Stone Esq — 16

M^r Jones Brooks — 22

Joseph Whitney Esq — 1

For a Representative for the first District viz Suffolk Essex & Middlesex
the Hon^{ble} Samuel Hutton had 46 votes

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Aiton. April 9th 1793
Then the select men appointed a Town meeting to be at the meeting in said Town on Monday 13th Day of May 1793 at one of the Clock in the afternoon to consider and determine on the following articles viz

- 1 To see if the inhabitants of the Town of Aiton with the inhabitant of the District of Barfield who are qualified by the Constitution to vote for a Representative will agree to Chuse a Representative to represent said Town in the Grate and General Court of the Commonwealth the year ensuing — Likewise for those inhabitants of the Town of Aiton who are qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the same time and place to act on the following article
- 2 To Chuse a Moderator for to govern said Meeting
- 3 To see if the Town will grant to someone Hay Ward Hayward & their proportion of money that shall be granted for the school in this Town agreeable to their Detention that will be laid before the Town at the meeting
- 4 To see if the Town will agree to accept of the Report of the Committee that was appointed at the last town meeting to agree upon the places where each School House should stand to be convenient for the four School Districts in the Town and pass any vote that may be thought proper relating to raising money for the purpose of building School Houses or any other matter relating to said affair that the Town shall think proper when met
- 5 To see how much money the Town will raise to support the school the school in this Town the year ensuing and pass any votes respecting the regulating and supporting of the school that the Town shall think proper when met
- 6 To see how much money the Town will raise to defray the Expary Charges that have arisen or may arise with the Hon^{ble} Adams' Gallery in this Town this present year
- 7 To see if the Town will Chuse a Committee to settle with the late Town Treasurer and select men

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Aiton May 18th 1793 at a Legal Town meeting for the year
at the meeting house in said Town of Aiton for the purpose
of choosing a Representative and at the same for the estate
inhabitant of the said Town of Aiton to act in Town affairs
Mr Jones Brooks was chosen Representative -

- 1 Joseph Whitney Esq^r was chosen Moderator and Proceeded
as follows
- 2 the Question was put whether the Town will consent to Simon
Hayward and others their Proportion of School money &c
and it passed in the Negative
- 3 the Question was put Whether the Town will accept of the
Report of the Committee to fix upon the Places where the four
School Houses shall to be most convenient for the four school
Districts that the Town has voted shall be in this Town and
it passed in the negative -
- 4 voted Twenty Pounds to be expended in the School in this Town
this present year and that every District shall have one
sum of money they pay to the School Rate expended in their
District also voted that Twenty pounds of the above sum shall
be expended in women schools also voted to choose a Committee
of seven men to sit up & inspect the schools in this Town
this present year and Francis Faulkner Jones Brooks
Thomas Hogg John Edwards Jones Field Joseph Whitney
and Joseph Robbins was chosen for that purpose
- 5 voted one Hundred Pounds to Defray the necessary Charge &c
Eighty Pounds for the Red House School Salaries this present year
- 6 voted that Capt Joseph Robbins Job Fardbrook Brooks Joseph Whitney
Esq^r and Robert Cheffins be a Committee to sit with Lieut
Benjamin Brabrook Late Town Treasurer -

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Aiton September 24th 1793
then the select men appointed a Town Meeting to be at the meeting
house in said Town on Monday the Twenty third Day of September
Instant to consider and determine on the following articles
To Choose a Moderator for to govern this meeting

- 2 To be if the Town will agree to secure Defend and save Thomas Hogg
Harmless from all loss or charge that may or shall arise by reason
of his not representing as Administrator the estate of Joseph Field
Late of Aiton Deceased Involunt he paying the the Proceeds of the
Sale of said Field estate to the Treasurer of the said Town of Aiton
for the use of said Town and pass any votes that shall be thought
proper
- 3 To be what Method the Town will Proceed in to make the new road
from Abel Proctors to Stephen Davies
- 4 to be if the Town will agree to abate the Rates of a number of Persons
- 5 to be if the Town will agree to Purchase a Saring Cloth
- 6 to be if the Town will agree to grant to Simon Hayward and others
their former Request they made to the Town for their Proportion of
School money

Aiton Sept. 28th 1793 at a Legal Town meeting at the meeting house
in said Town. Aron Jones Moderator and the Town. Proceeded as
follows

- 2 on the second article voted that the Town will secure Defend and
harmless Lieut Thomas Hogg Administrator of the estate of Joseph
Field Late of Aiton Deceased from all Cost Charge or Demand that
shall arise by reason of his selling the whole of said Deceased Field estate
and paying unto the Treasurer of the said Town of Aiton for the use
of said Town the whole of the money said estate shall sell for after
Deducting from the same the Charge of sitting said estate and he is
not to hinder said estate Involunt - also voted that as Lillie Field
widow of the said Joseph Field Deceased hath given to the inhabitants
of the Town of Aiton a Last Claim Debt of all her right of Dower or
third in the estate aforesaid that she the said Lillie Field shall
receive annually from the Treasurer of the said Town of Aiton the
Interest of one third Part of the money that said estate shall sell
for after paying the charges of sitting the same During her natural
Life

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- 3 voted that. Capt Joseph Robbins, Capt John Hayward and Thomas Royce Capt John Edwards Edward Withersbee Aaron Jones and Col Jones should be a committee to make the County Road from Abel Proctors to Stephen Davis by Subjersion if they can obtain the same otherwise at the charge of the Town.
 - 4th voted that the rates of Peter Fletcher be abated for one year the rates of Thomas Law for one year also the rates of Roger Wheeler Stephen Cheffin & Simon Tuttle
 - 5 voted that the select men purchase a Burgess cloth for the use of this Town.
 - 6 the sixth article was Dispensed

Acton February 15th 1794

Then the select men appointed a town meeting to be at the meeting house in said Town on the first Monday of March next at Twelve of the clock at noon to consider and determine on the following articles viz

- 1 To Choose a Moderator for to govern said meeting
- 2 To Choose Town officers for the year ensuing
- 3 To vote if the Town will agree to work at the high ways by a rate this present year also to be how much money the Town will raise to repair said ways and any votes relating to that affair that the Town shall think proper when met -
- 4 To be if the Town will grant to Simon Hayward and others the proportion of money that they shall be taxed for the School the support of the School in this Town appeals to their former Petition to this Town.
- 5th To be if the Town will order that the Town way leading through the farm formerly belonging to the late John Swift dec. which way is now shut up during the Town pleasure be opened
- 6 To hear the Report of the Committee that was Chosen by the Town to settle with the late Benjⁿ Brabrook Late Town Treasurer and to act thereon as the Town shall think proper
- 7th To be if the Town will agree to let the swine run at Large this present year

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Acton March 4th 1794 at a legal Town meeting of the whole Inhabitants at the Meeting house in said Town Jonas Brooks Moderator

- 2 Francis Faulkner was Chosen Town Clerk Francis Faulkner Jonas Brooks & Capt John Edwards were Chosen select men & Joseph John Robbins was Chosen Town Treasurer David Barnard and Seth Brooks were Chosen Constables John Dexter, Revier of wait and Messieurs Aaron Jones Nathaniel Faulkner Elijah Davis Samuel Talle Amos Royce Capt Edwards Stephen Shepard Capt John Hayward Job & Brooks and William Reed Surveyors of high ways James Fletcher and Simon Hayward Dutting men Samuel Wright and Ephraim Thorburn fenceviewers Capt Daniel Davis & Seth Brooks Surveyors of Lumber Aaron Jones Edward Withersbee John Dexter and Capt Daniel Davis Irish wardens Samuel Joseph & Edward Withersbee Bullies of hoops and Haves Moses Richardson Parker of Beef & Pork Capt John Edwards David Davis Elijah Davis and Moses Wood Chosen Haymies and all the aforesaid Town officers are sworn into their respective offices
- 3 Voted to work at the high ways by a rate this present year, also voted that the sum of one hundred and twenty pounds be raised & applied for to repairs said high ways also voted that every man humbly to work out his high way rate at four Shillings p^r Day for a man and the same sum for one pair of Oxen and last until the first Day of September next and two Shillings for a man and the same sum for Oxen and last the Remainder of the year
- 4 on the fourth article it was voted that Simon Hayward John Hayward Joseph Dudley John Goldsmith William Thomas the farm belonging to Lami Baldwin Esq^r with the Polls lying on the same and Joseph Hayward of Lenford receive the money they pay towards supporting the School in this Town by an order on the Town Treasurer during the Towns pleasure provided they expend said money in schools or in a house they have built for that purpose near the Line between Sutterbury and Acton.
- 5 the 5th article was Propounded and passed in the Negative
- 6 voted that the Town is Satisfied with the Proceedings of their Committee in settling with the late Benjⁿ Brabrook Late Town Treasurer
- 7 voted that the swine run at Large this present year

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We the Subscribers Select men of the Towns of Concord and Acton met on the Seventeenth Day of April 1771 to perambulate the lines between the above named towns, accordingly we began at the corner upon Sudbury line being a Stake and Stones from thence to a Pitch pine tree marked from thence to a heap of Stones on the brow of the hill by the river so on over the river to a heap of Stones in Ebenezer Land so on over How Road to a pine tree marked near said Road from thence to an old Pine blown down so on to a Rock with a heap of Stones on it near Lewis Brook so on across Littleton Road to a heap of Stones in a wall at the head of Baptist meadows so called from thence to a heap of Stones in Col. Cummings wall from thence over the Mungford meadow to a heap of Stones in the southwest corner of Dr. Barrell's place so on to a black oak tree at Billings corner from thence to another heap of Stones in the northwest corner of Dr. Barrell's place so on to a heap of Stones called Carlys Corner from thence to a heap of Stones in the Road above Benj. Temple by the north wall from thence across Mr. Simon Davis's place to a great Stone in the corner of John Heywood's wall with Stones on it from thence over to the Road to a heap of Stones near Nathaniel Edwards House so on down the Road to the brook to a heap of Stones at an Elm Stump so called from thence by Samuel Davises to a heap of Stones in the pisonwood bush so called from thence to an old pine stump with a pine tree marked nearby so on to a white oak at the corner called Berry corner

for Concord
Jonathan Wheeler
Ephraim Hood

for Acton
Francis Faulkner
Simon Fittie

Acton August 4th 1774
the Subscribers Select men of the Towns of Stow and Acton met on the Day of the above Date and completed the Perambulating the Line between the Towns of Stow and Acton

Jonathan Hood } Select men
Jonathan Heywood } of Stow

Francis Faulkner } Select men
John Heywood } of Acton

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The line between Acton and Carlisle begins at a Stake and heap of Stones a corner between Concord and Acton and thence from thence west eleven Degrees north looking Groton Road ten Rods to a heap of Stones at the corner of Samuel Davises call thence thence west 35 Degrees 30 minutes north 109 Rods to a Walnut tree and Stones at the corner of the aforesaid Samuel Davises Land then thence north 7 Degrees west 55 Rods to a black oak tree measured 40 Rods to a grey oak tree 65 Rods to a Stake and heap of Stones 30 to a white oak tree measured 170 Rods to a grey ditto then thence north two Degrees west to Wifford line about 166 Rods sundry trees marked by the way and a Stake at Wifford line

Samuel Parson } Select men of Acton
Joseph Brabrook }
Phineas Blood } Select men of Carlisle
John Hild }
Carlisle Nov^r 16th 1780

April 24th 1780
then the Subscribers met Mr. Luke Brooks and Mr. Josiah Brown both of Stow to perambulate the line between the Towns of Stow and Acton & Samuel Heywood & Nathaniel Wheeler joined as a committee from Acton for the above purpose and we began at a heap of Stones in the River and from thence to an Ash tree in the meadow and thence to a maple tree between Joseph Heywood's Land & Henry Smiths and from thence to a white oak tree in Daniel Conant's Land and thence to a heap of Stones in John Merblis's Land then to a Walnut tree in the widow Robbins's Land then to a heap of Stones then through the Swamp to a white oak tree then to a heap of Stones in the old field then to a heap of Stones from thence to the bluish chestnut so called then to a maple tree in the Swamp then to an Oak Stump with Stones about it from thence to a heap of Stones on the top of Play Hill then turning on a cowl and thence to a Red Oak tree in a gutter from thence to a heap of Stones near Roger Wheeler then to a heap of Stones near Levi Heywood

Samuel Heywood } Committee
Nathaniel Wheeler } for Acton
Luke Brooks
Josiah Brown for Stow

Concord April 4th 1789 this Day we the Subscribers select men of Concord met upon the Line between Concord and Acton near Lt Joseph Heywards being a Stake and Stones and Reinde and renewed all the marks & monuments on said Line to the corner at Carlisle Line being a Stake and Stones in Samuel Dehens Land and mutually agreed to all the marks & Monuments thereon as recorded on Concord town Book

Ephraim Wood } select men of
M^{rs} Brooks } Concord

October 4th 1792

With Subscribers have this Day met and perambulated the line and renewed the bounds between the Town of H^{igh}ford & the Town of Acton

Abel Boynton
Jonathan Carver
Thomas Hays
John Neal
Samuel Wright

April 28th 1796 we the Subscribers have this Day met agreeable to appointment and have perambulated the line and renewed the bounds between the Towns of Sudbury and Acton which are as follows viz Beginning at a Stake & Stones near the lot of the Road leading from Heyward, mill to Concord & Sudbury

- 2 a Stake & heap of Stones
- 3 a White Oak tree
- 4 a heap of Stones near the River

Jon^l Skill } Committed
Jesse Heyward } for Sudbury
Will^m Hunt Jr }

John Heyward } Committed
Simeon Heyward } for Acton

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April 4th 1789 we the Subscribers being appointed to perambulate the line and renew the bounds between the town of Acton and District of Carlisle met on the Day above said and performed said service as the Law requires

Thomas Hays } Committed
Sam^l Davis } for Acton

John Neal } Committed
M^{rs} Parker } for Carlisle

April 4th 1796

We the Subscribers being appointed a Cominit to perambulate the line between the towns of H^{igh}ford and Acton & renew the bounds as follows viz.

- 1 an. off. tree between Simeon Heyward and Henry Smiths Land
- 2 a Maple stump with Stone
- 3 a White oak tree between Daniel Conants and Abel Taylors Land
- 4 a heap of Stones between John. Marble & Daniel Conants Land
- 5 a Walnut tree between George Robbins and the widow Robbins Land
- 6 a heap of Stones by the Swamp
- 7 a White oak between Aaron Jones & Jacob Whitsey Land
- 8 a White oak on a hill between Land of Nathaniel Brook and Paul Heyward
- 9 a heap of Stones between Land of Paul Heyward and Nathaniel Brook
- 10 a heap of Stones the corner of H^{igh}ford Acton & Roxbury

Jabez Brown } for H^{igh}ford
Hershech Haggard }

David Torbush } for Acton
Benjⁿ Heyward }

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We the Subscribers being appointed by the select men of Haver and Acton
to perambulate the line between said towns have met for that purpose
and beginning at a White ash standing in the line between Simon Haywood
& Henry Smith then to a Maple stump then to a White oak then to an old
stump and stones then to a Walnut tree then to a heap of stones then
to a White oak tree then to a heap of stones then to another heap
of stones then to another heap of stones then to a White oak tree then
to a heap of stones then to another heap of stones then to a heap of stones
on Flay hill being Boxborough Corner and have renewed the above bound
April 4th 1791

John Brown } for Haver
Luke Brooks }

John Haywood } for Acton
Nath^l Faulkner }

April 25th 1791

Pursuant to the Appointment of the selectmen of
Sudbury and Acton, We the subscribers have this day
perambulated the line and renewed the bounds between
aforesaid Towns which is as follows Viz.

Beginning at a stake and stones upon the North side
of Mr Henry Smiths field near the meeting house
of the two roads leading to Haywards Smiths thence
a north westerly course to a stake and stones thence
to a White oak tree marked standing in the fence
between Mr Henry Smith and Mr Simon Haywood
thence to a stake and stones by the side of the
river

Daniel Bowker } for
Jon^{as} Rice } Sudbury
Simon Haywood } for
Joseph Dudley } Acton

April 4th 1791

on the Day aforesaid we the subscribers met and Perambulated
the line and renewed the bounds between the Town of Acton
and District of Carlisle

John Edwards } Committee for
Benj^l Grabrook } Acton

Asa Parlin } Select men of
Jonathan Wood } Carlisle

this certifies that Issa Brooks one of the select men of Concord
and Nathan Wood appointed by said select men of Concord
met with the select men of Acton on the 14th Day of April
1791 to Perambulate the line between the said Towns and perform
said survey and mutually agreed to all the bounds which are
recorded in the Town Books in Litch town untill they came
to the Corner between the Town aforesaid and the District of
Carlisle in Land of Samuel Dabson which was not to be found
and on the nineteenth Day of April aforesaid the select
men of the Towns aforesaid and of the District aforesaid met
with a Surveyor and Knied the ~~bound~~ Corner between the
Towns aforesaid and District aforesaid to the mutual satisfac-
tion of the whole of the select men aforesaid which was
signed in the presence of the select men of all the three Towns
and confirmed to by all altho the select men of Carlisle did not
join in to sign the same in witness whereof the parties have inter-
changedly set their hands the 19th Day of April aforesaid.

Ephraim Wood for Nathan
Wood and himself } Committee and select
Asa Brooks } men of Concord
Jacob Brown }

Francis Faulkner } Select men of
John Edwards } Acton

April 4th 1791

We the subscribers being legally appointed to Perambulate the
line and renew the bounds between the Towns of Acton and
Boxborough met at the Corner on Flay hill being this Corner of Acton
Boxborough and renewed that from thence to a rock tree on the east side
of a small brook and renewed that from thence to a heap of stones
on Orchard neck so called and renewed that from thence to a heap of
stones of Abraham Keygoodland and renewed that from thence to a
heap of stones being Littleton and Boxborough Corner and renewed that

Nath^l Faulkner } for Acton
Benj^l Haywood }

Oliver Taylor } for Boxborough
Mather Haywood }

March 4th 1794

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then the select men appointed a Town meeting to be at the meeting house in said town on the first Monday of April next at one of the clock in the afternoon for purpose of giving in their votes for a Governor and Senators agreeable to the Constitution of this Commonwealth.

Acton April 7th 1794 at a legal meeting of the voteable inhabitants of said town of Acton held at the meeting house in said town for the above purpose the following gentlemen had the votes set against them never for a Governor.

the Hon^{ble} Samuel Adams had — 350 votes
the Hon^{ble} William Cushing — 130

for a Lieut Governor

the Hon^{ble} Nathaniel Lee — 30 do

Hon^{ble} Moses Gill — 7

Hon^{ble} Will^{am} Heath — 7

Senators

the Hon^{ble} Eliazer Brooks had — 31

Hon^{ble} Joseph B. Varnum — 39

Hon^{ble} Eben^{er} Briggs — 4

Hon^{ble} Daniel Whitney — 3

Mr Jones Brooks — 39

Oliver Baron — 7

Hon^{ble} Walter W. Garrison — 11

Mr Joseph Simons — 5

Leche Wright — 15

Stephen Dean Esq — 1

Sampson Fuller Esq — 11

Mr Sam^{uel} Bartlett — 4

Hon^{ble} James Stevens — 1

Francis Faulkner Esq — 2

Acton ~~April~~ ^{March} 4th 1794

Then the select men appointed a meeting of the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the meeting house in said town on the first Monday of April next at the meeting house in said town at one of the clock in the afternoon to confer and determine on the following articles

- 1 To Chuse a moderator for to govern said meeting
- 2 To be if the town will discontinue the way that is led out and brought to accommodate Mr Samuel Wright to the meeting house
- 3 To be if the town will agree to sell the house and land that they parcel of Huber Brown and pay any votes that may be thought proper relating to the selling said estate

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at a General Town meeting at the meeting house in said town.

- 2 Propounded & Passed in the negative
- 3 Propounded & Passed in the negative

Acton April 7th 1794

Then the select men appointed a Town meeting to be at the meeting house in said town on the 15th Day of May next at one of the clock in the afternoon for the purpose of Chusing a representative to represent the inhabitants of said town of Acton and District of Carlisle to meet at the meeting house in said town.

Acton April 4th 1794

then the select men of the town of Acton appointed a meeting of the voteable inhabitants of said town of Acton and District of Carlisle to be at the meeting house in said town on Thursday 15th Day of May next at one of the clock in the afternoon to be if said town and District will agree to & Chuse a representative to represent them in the general Court of this Commonwealth the year ensuing.

Acton May 15th 1794 at a legal meeting of the ^{voteable} inhabitants of the town of Acton and District of Carlisle at the meeting in in said town for the purpose of Chusing a representative the votes being brought in to the select men agreeable to Laws and Mr Jones Brooks was Chosen.

Acton April 4th 1794

Then the select men appointed a Town meeting to be at the meeting house in said town on Thurs Day the 15th Day of May next at one of the clock in the afternoon to confer and determine on the following articles

- 1 To Chuse a moderator for to govern said meeting
- 2 To be how much money the town will have including the paid Mr Moses Adams Salary that have or may arise this present year within the same
- 3 To be how much money the town will have to support a School this present year also to be how much money the town if the town agree to Chuse a Committee to set up and inspect two schools and pay any votes that the town shall think proper relating to the schools

- 4 To be if the Town. will agree to Chuse a Committee to Lillle with the Select men. respecting the expenditure of the Towns money and make Report to the Town. at the next meeting
- 5 To be if the Town. will accept. of any way or way that may be Laid before the Town. by the Select men at the meeting
- 6 To be if the Town. will agree to build a School house as near the meeting house as it can be convenient built and pass any votes respecting the building. Said house that the Town. shall think Proper

Acton. May 4th 1794

at a Legal Town. Meeting at the meeting house ~~at the~~ in meeting house in Said Town Jones Brooks Moderator

- 2^{ly} voted Eighty Pound Lawfull money to Defray the necessary Charges in this town this present year also voted Eighty pounds Lawfull money to pay the New Houses Debtors Salary the year expiring
- 3 Voted the sum Eighty Pound Lawfull money to be expended in the School this present year also voted that Twenty five pounds of the above sum of 80 pounds be expended in a women voted that the money that. Each School District. shall be be Laid in this School State shall be expended in each of the Portouler District also voted that George Robbins Nathaniel Southner Lieut. Hoyer Col Jones Head John Deater Daniel Shepard and Capt John. Edward be a Committee to Ld up and inspect Said School
- 4^{ly} voted that Lfr Robert. Cheffier Aaron Jones Lieut Thomas Hoyer Col Head & Simon Hayward be a Committee to examine the Select mens accounts respecting the expenditure of the Towns money and Report. to the Town at the next Town meeting
- 5^{ly} their way no Report of any way Laid before the town by the Select men
- 6^{ly} the sixth article was propounded and passed in the negative

August 4th 1794 then the Select men appointed a Town meeting to be at the meeting house in Said Town on Thursday the 14th Day of August. at Twelve of the Clock at noon. to consider and Determine on the following articles viz -

- 1 To Chuse a Moderator for to govern Said meeting
- 2 To be if the Town. will agree to give a bounty to the minute men that. shall be Raised in this Town by an. act of Congress and of the General Court of this Commonwealth. and Grants an. additional sum of money to their wages established by Congress Provided they shall be Laid into actual Service so Long as they shall remain in the same and Pass any other votes that. may be thought Proper when met. Relating to that. affair

Acton. August 4th 1794 at a Legal Town. at the meeting house in Said Town. Jones Brooks Moderator. and the Town. Proceeded as follows

- 1^{ly} The Question was Put whether the To will give to the men that. shall be Raised in this Town. agreeable to the Laws above said a sum of money in addition. to their wages granted them by Congress sufficient. Each pair of their Clothing seven Dollars p^r month. During the term they shall be in actual Service also voted that each man. that shall engage as minute man. as aforesaid shall receive as a bounty two Dollars

Acton. August 4th 1794 then the Select men. appointed a Town meeting to be at the meeting house in Said Town. on Thursday the Twenty first Day of this Instant. August at four of the Clock in the afternoon. to consider and Determine on the following articles

- 1 To Chuse a. moderator for to govern Said meeting
- 2 To be if the Town. will agree to take a. Plan. of this Town. agreeable to the Directions in a resolve of the General Court of this Commonwealth bearing Date June 4th 1794

Acton August 4th 1794 then the Select men. appointed a Town meeting to be at the meeting house in Said Town

August 4th 1794 at a Legal Town. meeting at the meeting house in Said town Jones Brooks Moderator and Proceeded as follows

- 1 voted that Francis Southner Jones Brooks & John Edwards be a Committee to Draw a Plan. of this Town. agreeable to the resolve of the General Court above said

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Acton, October 4th 1794 then the select men appointed a Town meeting to be at the meeting house in said Town on the first Monday of November next at one of the clock in the afternoon for the purpose of giving their votes for a representative for the second Middle District in this Commonwealth to represent them in the Congress of the United States of America.

Nov^r 4th 1794 at a legal meeting meeting of the votable inhabitants of the Town of Acton for the purpose of giving in their votes for a representative for the Middle District in this Commonwealth to represent them in the Congress of the United States of America the following gentlemen had the votes set against their names:

Mr Hon^{ble} Elbridge Gerry had — 27 votes
 Hon^{ble} Joseph B. Varnum — 11 do
 Hon^{ble} Samuel Dexter Jr — 1

Acton, October 4th 1794 then the select men appointed a Town meeting to be at the meeting house in said Town on the first Monday of November next at one of the clock in the afternoon to consider and determine on the following articles

- 1 To Chuse a Moderator for to govern said meeting
- 2 To see if the Town will grant an additional sum of money to defray the necessary charges in the Town this present year
- 3 To see if the Town will agree to Chuse a Committee to view and consult with the select men respecting the necessity of laying out a way from Weyford line to John Hayward Hall
- 4 To Chuse a person to be keeper of Deeds for the County of Middlesex

Acton November 4th 1794 at a legal Town meeting at the meeting house in Acton Jonas Brooks Moderator

- 2 it was proposed whether the town will raise forty five pounds as an additional sum of money to defray Town charges voted in the affirmative
- 3 voted that Messrs George Robbins Daniel Davies & Jonas Hall be a Committee to join with the select men in considering the necessity of laying out a way from Weyford line to John Hayward Hall
- 4 For a keeper of Deeds for the County of Middlesex
 Mr Samuel Bartlett — had 37
 Dr Abel Hayward — had — 1

To the Select men of the Town of Acton gentlemen Please to inform on Article in your warrant for a Town Meeting to see if the Town will grant to the signers of this Petition with their hundred assigns the Privilege of their School money in order to form a Society with a number of families in that town of Concord and Sudbury for Schooling so long as we shall be fit to put our money together

Acton February 4th 1793

Joseph Hayward
 Silas Lonscut
 John Hayward
 Simon Hayward
 Joseph Dudley
 John Goldsmiths
 Willam Thomas

Acton February 4th 28th 1794

we being chosen a Committee for the purpose of settling with Luit Brabrook Late Town Treasurer by leave to make the following report to the Town viz we have met and examined said Treasurers accounts and find Due to him from the Town on Balance £42:16:10:1

Joseph Robbins } Committee
 Robert Chaffee } for the Town
 Aaron Jones
 Job & Brooks

Feb^r 4th 1795 on a settlement with the Town Treasurer there was Due to the Town for the town Tax No 4 £3:4:18 and from John Richardson 37-0-0 from Joseph Piper Jr 11:17:6

February 4th 22nd 1796 the Balance Due to the town on a settlement with the Town Treasurer of Tax No 5 there was Due to the Town from the Treasurer 139 Dollars & 5^{cts} cents
 February 4th 27th 1797 on a settlement with the Town Treasurer for Tax No 6 there was Due to the Town 44 Dollars & 22 cents

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 Acton. March 28th 1795 then the select men appointed a Town meeting to be at the meeting house in said Town on Monday the 28th Day of March next at one of the Clock in the afternoon for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Representative for the second Middle District to represent them in the Congress of the united States of America

April 4th 1795 at a legal meeting of the qualified voters of the Town of Acton at the meeting house in said town for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Representative to represent them in the Congress of the united States of America
 The Hon^{ble} Samuel Deater had 15 votes
 The Hon^{ble} Joseph B. Barnum had 56 Do

Acton March 4th 1795 then the select men appointed a Town meeting to be at the meeting house in said Town on Monday 4th of April next at twelve of the Clock at noon to consider and determine on the following articles first to choose a Moderator to govern said meeting

Acton April 4th 1795 at a legal Town meeting of the voteable inhabitants of said Town at the meeting house in said Town for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Representative to represent them in the Congress of the united States of America
 Jones Brooks Moderator

2^d That the Report of the Committee that was chosen by the Town at the last town to divide the town into five school Districts and to act thereon as the town shall think proper and pass any votes relating to building school houses and raising money for that purpose that may be thought proper when met

3 To see if the Town will agree to make a contribution in money to Nathan Rogers for his supporting Nathan Brooks

4 To see if the Town will agree to work at the high ways by a rate this present year also to see how much money the Town will raise to repair said ways and pass any votes relating to that affair that the Town shall think proper

Acton April 4th 1795 at a legal Town meeting of the voteable inhabitants of said town of Acton at the meeting house in said Town
 Jones Brooks Moderator

2 The Question was put whether the Town will accept of the Report of the Committee that was chosen by the Town to divide the town into five school Districts and it passed in the Negative

Then the Question was put whether the Town will choose a Committee to consist of seven men to divide the Town into six school Districts voted in the affirmative and led by Heber Lipp Brown Lieut Henry Good Simon Little Job B. Brooks John Robbins & John Deater was chosen for that purpose and directed to report their proceedings to the town at the next May Meeting any before may think the Report to which he refers to be a member

3 voted that Lieut Rogers in behalf of Nathan Rogers settle with Nathan Rogers the money he owes him for a contribution for his supporting Nathan Brooks

4 voted to work at the high ways by a rate this present year also voted that one hundred and twenty Pounds Lawfull money to repair the high way in this town and that the inhabitants be apportioned accordingly also voted that a man shall have four Shilling p^{er} Day for ten hour Labour at the high way and the same sum for one pair of Oxen & Cart untill the first Day of September next and half that sum the remainder of the year

Acton March 4th 1795

then the select men appointed a Town Meeting to be at the meeting house in said town on Monday 4th Day of April next at twelve of the Clock at noon for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Governor Lieut Governor Councilors and Senators agreeable to the Constitution of this Commonwealth

April 4th 1795

at a legal meeting of the voteable inhabitants of the Town of Acton at the meeting house in said town for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Governor Lieut Governor Senators & Councilors agreeable to the Constitution of the Commonwealth the following Gentlemen had the votes set against their names

For a Governor

This his Excellency Samuel Adams had 50

Lieut Governor

The Hon^{ble} Moses Hill 50

Hon^{ble} Nathaniel Gorham 3

Senators

Hon^{ble} Eleazer Brooks had 47

Hon^{ble} Joseph Barnum 60

Hon^{ble} Daniel Whitney 41

Hon^{ble} Leamon Baldwin 12

Mr Jones Brooks 47

Leah Wright Esq^r 24

Mr Joseph Simon 9

Benjⁿ Brown Esq^r 2

Samprison Little Esq^r 5

Aiton. April 9th 1795

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then the select men, appointed a Town Meeting to be at the meeting in said town on the sixth day of May next at one of the clock in the afternoon to consider and Deliberate on the following articles.

- 1 To Chuse a Moderator for to govern said meeting
- 2 To be how much money the town will raise to Defray the necessary Charges that have or may arise this present year year within the Town
- 3 To be how much money the town will raise to support the School in this Town this year ensuing and to pay any votes respecting the Appropriation of the money they may raise and the sitting up and inspecting the Schools that the Town shall think proper when met.
- 4 To hear the Report of the Committee that was chosen at the last town meeting to Divide the Town into Six School Districts and fix the places where each School house shall stand and to act thereon as the Town shall think proper and to pass any votes relating to the Districting the Town for Schools and Building School Houses for the convenience of the inhabitants of the town that the Town shall think proper
- 5 To be if the Town will accept of these men whose names the select men shall lay before the Town to serve as Grand Jurors at the Superior Judicial Court Grand Jury and Jurors of trial at the Superior Judicial Court Courts of Common Pleas and Courts of General Sessions of the Peace
- 6 for the Town to give in their votes for a Register of Deeds for the County of Middlesex

Aiton May 6th 1795

At a legal Town Meeting of the notable inhabitants of the Town of Aiton at the meeting house in said town Mr Jones Brooks was chosen Moderator and Proceeded as follows

- 2 article the Question was put whether the Town will raise Ninety pounds to Defray the necessary Charges the present year & Eighty pounds to pay the two Mares Adam's Salary for the year ensuing and it was voted in the affirmative
- 3 on the third article it was it was propounded Whether the Town will raise Eighty Pounds to support a School this present year and it passed in the affirmative also voted that Twenty Pounds of the aforesaid sum be expended in a woman School also voted that Aaron Jones John Robbins Job & Brooks Job Jones the said Samuel Darlin Abraham Haggood and John Adams be a Committee to set up and inspect the schools &

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4 on the 4 article it was voted that there shall be five School Districts in this Town and that every Person shall have the liberty to join the District to which he Chuse to belong and his School Rate shall be assessed in the school to which he belongs also voted also voted that one of the said School Houses shall be built near John Deaton's Pasture bars on the road leading from the meeting house to Dr Miners voted that one School house shall be built near Samuel Wheeler at the bottom of the road also voted that one School house be built on the hill near Jonathan Toward's house also voted that one School House shall be built where the School house now stands near John Sawyer's voted that the other School house be built where the School House stands near John Harris also voted that the inhabitants of each District shall build their School House

- 5 the fifth article was propounded and passed in affirmative and the meeting to the Monday of September next ^{at one of the clock in the afternoon} for the further consideration of the fourth article respecting the School houses & Districts

Aiton April 9th 1795 then the select men appointed a Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Aiton and the District of Carlisle for the Purpose of Chusing a Representation to Represent them in the general Court the ensuing year

Aiton May 6th 1795 at a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Aiton and District of Carlisle at the meeting in said town of Aiton Mr Jones Brooks was chosen Representative to Represent said town and District in the general Court the year ensuing

Middlesex To Either of the Constables of the Town of Acton Greeting
 you are in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Directed
 to warn and give notice unto Samuel Dutton of Littleton in
 the County of Middlesex Labourer who has lately come into this
 Town for the purpose for the purpose of abiding therein not
 having obtained the Towns consent therefor that he with his
 wife Depart the Limits thereof within fifteen Days and of this
 Precept with your Doings thereon you are to make Return into
 the office of the town clerk within Twenty Days next coming that
 such further Proceedings may be had in the premises as the Law
 Directs

Given under our hands & seals at Acton aforesaid this
 Twentieth Day of August AD 1790

Francis Faulkner } Select men
 Aaron Jones — }

Middlesex In obedience to the within warrant I have
 warned and given notice to the within named persons to Depart
 the Limits of this Town within fifteen Days Acton Sept 9th 1790
 Benja Hayward Constable

Middlesex To Either of the Constables of the Town of
 Acton in said County — — — — — Greeting

You are in the Name of the Commonwealth of
 Massachusetts ~~you are~~ Required to warn and give notice
 unto Joseph Dole of Littleton who has lately come into this
 Town for the purpose of abiding therein not having
 obtained the Towns consent therefor that he with his
 wife and Children and his mother under his care Depart
 the Limits thereof within fifteen days and of of this precept
 with your doing thereon you are to make Return into the
 office of the Clerk of the Town within Twenty Days next
 coming that such further Proceedings may be had in the
 premises as the Law Directs

Given under our hands and seal at Acton aforesaid this twentieth
 day of August AD 1790

Francis Faulkner } Select men
 Aaron Jones — }

Middlesex In obedience to the within warrant I have warned &
 given notice to the within named persons as within Directed
 Acton Sept 9th 1790 Benja Hayward Constable

Middlesex To Either of the Constables of the Town of Acton
 in said County — — — — — Greeting

You are in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massa-
 chusetts to warn and give notice unto James Shantier
 a Transient Person who has lately come into Town
 for the purpose of abiding therein not having obtained
 the Towns consent therefor that he with his wife and
 their children Depart the Limits thereof within fifteen
 Days and of this precept with your doings thereon you
 are to make Return into the office of the Clerk of
 the Town within twenty days next coming that
 such further Proceedings may be had in the premises
 as the Law Directs —

Given under our hands and seal at Acton aforesaid
 this twentieth Day of August AD 1790

Francis Faulkner } Select men
 Aaron Jones — }

Middlesex In obedience to the within warrant I have
 warned and given notice to the within named persons as within
 Directed Benja Hayward Constable

Acton Sept 9th 1790

Middlesex To Either of the Constables of the Town of Acton
 in said County — — — — — Greeting

You are in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massa-
 chusetts Directed to warn and give notice unto Jonathan
 Dowers of Dorchester in the County of Suffolk Labourer
 who has lately come into this Town for the purpose of
 abiding therein not having obtained the Towns consent
 therefor that he with his wife and their children
 Depart the Limits thereof within fifteen Days and
 of this precept with your doings thereon you are to make
 Return into the office of the Clerk of the Town within
 Twenty days next coming that such further Proceedings
 may be had in the premises as the Law Directs
 Given under our hands and seal at Acton aforesaid this
 twentieth Day of August AD 1790

Francis Faulkner } Select men
 Aaron Jones — }

Middlesex In obedience to the within warrant I have
 warned and given notice to the within named Person
 as within Directed Benja Hayward Constable
 Acton Sept 9th 1790

Middlesex ss To Either of the Constables of the Town of
Acton in said County 435 Greeting

You are in the Name of the Commonwealth of Mass
achusetts Required to warn and give notice unto William Thomas
a Franfiant Person who has lately come into this Town
for the purpose of abiding therein not having obtained
the Towns consent therefor that he with his wife and
their children Depart the Limits thereof within fifteen
Days and of this Precept with your doing thereon you are to
make Return into the office of the ~~Town~~ Clerk the Town
within twenty days next coming that such further
Proceedings may be had in the premises as the Law Direct

Given under our hands and seal at Acton aforesaid
this twentieth Day of August A.D. 1790
Francis Faulkner } Selectmen
Aaron Jones }

Middlesex ss In Obedience to the within warrant
I have warned and given notice to the within
Named Persons as within Directed Acton Sept 9th 1790
Benjamin Hayward Constable

Middlesex ss To Either of the Constables of the Town of
Acton in said County Greeting

You are in the Name of the Commonwealth of
Massachusetts Directed to warn and give notice to
Joseph Hager of Acton in the County of Middlesex
Labourer who has come into this Town (since the
tenth Day of April 1767) for the purpose of abiding
therein not having obtained the towns consent
therefor that he Depart the Limits thereof with his
wife and children if he has any with him within
fifteen Days and of this precept with your doing
thereon you are to make Return into the office
of the Clerk of this Town within twenty days
next coming that such further Proceedings may
be had in the premises as the Law Direct

Given under our hand and seal at Acton aforesaid
this Eighteenth day of August 1790
Francis Faulkner } Selectmen of
Aaron Jones } Acton
Jonas Heath }

Middlesex ss In Obedience to this warrant I have warned
the within named Joseph Hager to Depart out of
this Town by reading over this warrant to him
the said Hager Jonathan Davis Constable

Acton Sept 9th 1790
Middlesex ss To Either of the Constables of the Town
of Acton in said County Greeting

You are in the Name of the Commonwealth of Mass
achusetts Directed to warn and give notice to Robert
Barber Labourer and Eunice his wife who of Acton
in the County of Middlesex who have lately come into
this Town for the purpose of abiding therein not
having obtained the Towns consent therefor that he
with his wife and Children Depart the Limits thereof
within fifteen days and of this precept with your doing
thereon you are to make Return into the Clerk's office
of this Town within twenty days next coming
that such further Proceedings may be had in the
premises as the Law Direct

Given under our hands and seal at Acton aforesaid
this Eighteenth day of August Anno Domini 1790
Francis Faulkner } Selectmen
Aaron Jones } of Acton
Jonas Heath }

Middlesex ss. Acton Sept 9th 1790

In obedience to this warrant I have warned
the within named Robert Barber to Depart
out of this town by leaving a copy of this warrant
with Barber's wife Jonathan Davis Constable

Middlesex ss To Either of the Constables of the town of Acton
in the said County Greeting

You are in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachu
setts Directed to warn and give notice unto Robert Spaulding now residing in Acton
Labourer who is lately come into this town for the purpose of abiding
therein not having obtained the Towns consent therefor that he
Depart

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Depart the Limits thereof with his wife and their children within fifteen days and of this Precept with your doing thereon you are to make Return into the office of the Clerk of the Town within Twenty days next coming that such further proceedings may be had in the premises as the Law Directs.

Given under our hand and seal at Acton
aforesaid this nineteenth day of August 1890.

Francis Southner } selectmen
Aaron Jones } of Acton

Middlesex ss In obedience to this warrant
I have warned the within named Robert
Spaulding to depart out of this town by reading
over this warrant to said Spaulding
Acton Sept 9th 1890 Jonathan Davis Constable

Middlesex ss To Either of the Constables of the Town
of Acton in said County Greeting
You are in the name of the Commonwealth of
Massachusetts Directed to warn and give notice unto
John Oliver who is residing in Acton Labourer
who has lately come into this town for the purpose
of abiding therein not having obtained the Towns
consent therefor that he Depart the Limits thereof
with his wife and their children within fifteen
days and of this precept with your doing thereon
you are to make Return into the office of the
Clerk of the Town within twenty days next coming
that such further Proceedings may be had on the
premises as the Law Directs

Given under our hands and seal at Acton
aforesaid this nineteenth Day of August 1890.

Francis Southner } selectmen
Aaron Jones }

Middlesex ss In obedience to this warrant I have
warned the within named John Oliver to Depart out of this
Town by reading over this warrant to him the said
Oliver Acton Sept 9th 1890 Jonathan Davis Constable

Middlesex ss To Either of the Constables of Town of Acton in said
County Greeting 438

You are in the name of the Commonwealth of Mass
achusetts Directed to warn and give notice unto Cesar
Longen Labourer of Acton in the County Middlesex who has
lately come into this Town for the purpose of abiding
therein not having obtained the Towns consent therefor
that he Depart the Limits thereof with his wife and
children within fifteen Days and of this Precept with
your doing thereon you are to make Return into the
Clerks office of the Town within Twenty days next coming
that such further proceedings may be had in
the premises as the Law Directs

Given under our hands and seal at Acton aforesaid
this 18th Day of August 1890

Francis Southner } selectmen
Aaron Jones }
Jonas Heath }

Middlesex ss In obedience to this warrant I have
warned the within named Cesar Longen to Depart
out of this Town by reading over this warrant
to him the said Cesar Jonathan Davis Constable

Acton Sept 9th 1890

Middlesex ss To Either of the Constables of the Town
of Acton in said County Greeting

You are in the name of the Commonwealth of
Massachusetts Directed to warn and give notice unto
John Reed Labourer who has lately come into this Town with
his family for the purpose of abiding therein not
having obtained the Towns consent therefor that he Depart
the Limits thereof with his wife and their children and any
others under his care within fifteen Days
and of this Precept with your doing thereon you
are to make Return into the office of the Clerk of
the Town within twenty days next coming that
such further Proceedings may be had in the premises
as the Law Directs

Given under our hands and seal at Acton aforesaid
this fifteenth Day of February 1891

Francis Southner } selectmen
Aaron Jones }
Jonas Heath }

Middlesex ss In obedience to this warrant I have warned and
given notice to John Reed to depart out of this town
within fifteen days by reading over this warrant to
the said John Reed Jonathan Davis Constable
Acton February 1891

Middlesex To Either of the Constables of the Town of
Boston in said County Greeting

You are in the Name of the Commonwealth
of Massachusetts Directed to warn and give notice unto
Agnis Wetherbee widow who has lately come into this Town for the
purpose of abiding therein not having obtained the Towns consent
therefor that she with her children Depart the Limits thereof
within fifteen Days and this precept with your doing thereon
you are to make Return into the office of the Clerk of the Town
within twenty days next coming that such further Proceedings may
be had in the premises as the Law Directs.

Given under our hands and seal at Boston aforesaid this 15th Day
of February A^d 1791

Francis Faulkner } Select-men
Aaron Jones
Jonas Mearns

Middlesex In Obedience to this warrant I have warned and
given notice to Agnis Wetherbee to Depart out of this Town
within fifteen Days by reading over this warrant to the
said Agnis Wetherbee. Atton February 18th 1791.
Jonathan Davis Constable

Middlesex To Either of the Constables of the Town of Boston
in said County Greeting

You are in the name of the common-
wealth of Massachusetts Directed to warn and give notice
unto Samuel Temple who is lately come into this
Town for the purpose of abiding therein not having obtained
the Towns consent therefor that he with his wife and child-
ren Depart the Limits thereof within fifteen Days
and this Precept with your doing thereon you are to make Return into
the office of the clerk of the Town within twenty Days next coming
that such further Proceedings may be had in the premises
as the Law Directs

Given under our hands and seal at Boston aforesaid
said this 15th Day of February A^d 1791

Francis Faulkner } Select-men
Aaron Jones
Jonas Mearns

Middlesex In Obedience to this warrant I have warned
and given notice to Samuel Temple to Depart out of
this Town within fifteen Days by reading over this warrant
to the within named Samuel Temple. Atton Feb^y 20th 1791

Jonathan Davis Constable

Middlesex To Either of the Constables of the Town of Boston
in said County Greeting

You are in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Directed to warn and give notice unto Solomon Burges
who has lately come into this Town for the purpose of abiding
therein not having obtained the Towns consent therefor that
he with his wife and children Depart the Limits thereof within
fifteen Days and this precept with your doing thereon you are
to make Return into the office of the clerk of the Town within twenty
Days next coming that such further Proceedings may be had thereon as the Law Directs
Given under our hands and seals at Boston aforesaid the 15th Day of February 1791

Francis Faulkner } Select-men
Aaron Jones
Jonas Mearns

In Obedience to this warrant I have warned and given notice
to Solomon Burges to Depart out of this Town within fifteen Days
by reading this warrant to him

Atton February 28th 1791 Jonathan Davis Constable

Middlesex To Either of the Constables of the town of Boston in said County Greeting
you are in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Directed to warn and give notice unto Amasa Dyer who is lately come
into this Town for the purpose of abiding therein not having obtained
the Towns consent therefor that he with his wife and children Depart
the limits thereof within fifteen Days and this precept with your doing
thereon you are to make Return into the office of the clerk of the town
within twenty Days next coming that such further Proceedings may
be had in the premises as the Law Directs

Given under our hands and seals at Boston aforesaid this 15th Day of Feb^y
A^d 1791

Francis Faulkner } Select-men
Aaron Jones
Jonas Mearns

In Obedience to the within warrant I have warned the within
named Amasa Dyer to Depart from this Town agreeable as the Law Directs
Atton March 4th 1791 Benjamin Hayward Constable

Middlesex To either of the Constables of the Town of Acton in said County Greeting
you are in the name of the Commonwealt of Massachusetts Directed
to warn and give notice unto Joseph Lock who is lately come into this
Town for the purpose of abiding therein not having obtained the
Towns Consent therefor that he with his wife and children depart
the Limits thereof within fifteen Days and this Precept with your doings
thereon you are to make Return into the office of the Clerk of the Town
within twenty Days next coming that such further Proceedings may
be had in the Premises as the Law Directs -

Given under our hands and seals at Acton aforesaid this 15th Day of February 1791

Francis Faulkner }
Aaron Jones } Select-men
Jonas Heald }

In Obedience to this warrant I have warned the within named
Persons to Depart from this Town as the Law Directs
Acton 1st March 1791

Benjⁿ Hayward Constable

Middlesex To either of the Constables of the Town
Acton in said County Greeting

You are in the name of the Commonwealt of Massachusetts
Directed to warn and give notice unto Abel Procter who
has lately come into this Town for the purpose of abiding
therein not having obtained the Towns Consent therefor that
he Depart the Limits thereof with his wife and children
or any under his care within fifteen Days and this Precept
with your doings thereon you are to Return into the office
of the Clerk of the Town within twenty Days next coming
that such further Proceedings may be had in the Premises
as the Law Directs

Given under our hand & seals at Acton aforesaid
this fifteenth Day of February 1791

Francis Faulkner } Select-men
Aaron Jones }
Jonas Heald }

Middlesex In Obedience to this warrant I have
warned and Abel Procter to Depart out of this
Town by reading over this warrant to the within named
Abel Procter. - Acton February 21 1791

Jonathan Davis Constable

Middlesex To either of the Constables of the Town of Acton
in said County Greeting

You are in the name of the Commonwealt of
Massachusetts Directed to warn and give notice unto
James North Labourer now residing in Acton who came
from Sutton in the year 1788 for the purpose of abiding
therein not having obtained the Towns Consent therefor
that he with his wife and children Depart the Limits thereof within fifteen Days
and this Precept with your doings thereon you are to make
Return into the office of the Clerk of the Town within twenty
Days next coming that such further Proceedings may
be had in the Premises as the Law Directs -

Given under our hands and seals at Acton aforesaid
this fifteenth Day of February 1791

Francis Faulkner } Select-men
Aaron Jones }
Jonas Heald }

In Obedience to this warrant I have warned the
within named person, to Depart from this Town
agreeable as the Law directs - Dat^e Acton 1st March
1791

Benjamin Hayward Constable

Middlesex To either of the Constables of the Town of Acton
in said County Greeting

You are in the name of the commonwealt of Massachusetts
Directed to warn and give notice unto Simon B. Tuttle who
has lately come into this Town for the purpose of abiding
therein not having obtained the Towns Consent therefor
that he Depart the Limits thereof with his wife and children
within fifteen Days and this precept with your doings
thereon you are to make Return into the office of the
Clerk of the Town within twenty Days next coming
that such further Proceedings may be had in the Premises
as the Law Directs

Given under our hands and seals at Acton
aforesaid this 15th Day of February 1791

Francis Faulkner } Select-men
Aaron Jones }
Jonas Heald }

In Obedience to this warrant I have warned the within named person to
Depart from this Town agreeable to Law - Benjⁿ Hayward Constable

Middlesex To either of the Constables of the Town of Acton in
Said County Greeting

you are in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Directed to warn and give notice unto Abigail Ramsdell widow
who is lately come into this Town for the purpose of abiding therein
not having obtained the Towns Consent therefor that she
with her Children Depart the Limits thereof within fifteen Days
and this Precept with your doings thereon you are to make return
into the office of the Clerk of the Town within Twenty Days next
coming that such further proceedings may be had in the Premises
as the Directs
Given under our hands and seals at Acton aforesaid this 15th Day
of February 1791

Francis Faulkner } Select men
Aaron Jones
Jonas Heald }

In Obedience to this warrant I have warned Abigail Ramsdell
to Depart from this Town as the Law Directs
Acton March 4th 1791 Benjamin Hayward Constable

Middlesex To either of the Constables of the Town of Acton in Said
County Greeting

you are in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Directed to warn and give notice unto Betty Brown the wife of
Samuel Brown Gentleman late of Waterford who is lately come into
this Town with five children for the purpose of abiding therein not
having obtained the Towns Consent therefor that she Depart the
Limits thereof with her Children within fifteen days and of this precept
with your doings thereon you are to make return into the office
of the Clerk of the Town within Twenty days next coming that such
further proceedings may be had in the Premises as the Law Directs
Given under our hands and seals at Acton aforesaid this 15th Day
of February 1791

Francis Faulkner } Select men
Aaron Jones
Jonas Heald }

In Obedience to this warrant I have warned Betty Brown to Depart
from this Town with her Children as the Law Directs
Acton March 4th 1791 Benjamin Hayward Constable

Middlesex To either of the Constables of the Town of Acton
in Said County Greeting

you are in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Directed to warn and give notice unto
of Massachusetts Directed to warn and give notice unto
Thaddeus Tuttle who lately came into this Town for
the purpose of abiding therein not having obtained
the Towns Consent therefor that he with his wife
and child Depart the Limits thereof within fifteen
Days and this Precept with your doing thereon you
are to make return into the office of the Clerk of the
Town within Twenty Days next coming that such further
Proceedings may be had in the Premises as the Law
Directs

Given under our hands and seals at Acton
aforesaid this 15th Day of February 1791
Francis Faulkner } Select men
Aaron Jones
Jonas Heald }

In Obedience to the within warrant I have warned
the within named person to Depart from this
Town agreeable as the Law Directs

Acton 15th March 1791 Benjamin Hayward Constable

Middlesex To either of the Constables of the Town of Acton in
Said County Greeting

you are in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Directed to warn and give notice unto Eunice Whitney
yeoman also to Laio Coddage widow in the same house who lately come
into this Town from Salem for the purpose of abiding therein not
having obtained the Towns Consent therefor that they with their child
and all persons under their care Depart the Limits thereof within
fifteen Days and of this Precept with your doing thereon you are to make
return into the office of Clerk of the Town within Twenty Days next
coming that such further Proceedings may be had in the Premises
as the Law Directs

Given under our hands and seals at Acton aforesaid this 15th Day of
February 1791

Francis Faulkner } Select men
Aaron Jones
Jonas Heald }

In Obedience to the within warrant I have warned the
within named person to Depart from this Town agreeable
as the Law Directs
Acton 15th March 1791 Benjamin Hayward Constable

Acton. March 4th 1782

Then we the Subscribers Laid out a way to accommodate the Towns of Acton and Stow beginning at Stow line at the end of m^r George Robbins wall at Land belonging to M^r Geo. Robbins and thence from thence a Strait Line to a heap of Stones at the northwest Corner of said George Robbins barn from thence to a heap of Stones South of his Dwelling house then to a heap of Stones at Capt Simon Hunt Land from thence through said Hunts Land to a heap of Stones then to the Corner of the wall westerly of his Dwelling house then to a heap of Stones at the Corner of his Dwelling house then to a heap of Stones then to the wall and as the wall leads to the way that leads from m^r David Torbushs Land said way is proposed to be two Rods wide and the marks are on the southerly & easterly side of said way

the said m^r George Robbins & Capt Simon Hunt Promise to give their Land for way and make the fence on each side free of charge to the Town

Francis Faulkner } Select men
Thomas Hoyer }
Simon Hayward }

Acton. February the 21st 1797

Then we the Subscribers Laid out a Town way to accommodate Seth Brooks and others beginning at a heap of Stones at the wall by a walnut tree on the ^{North} side of Town way leading to Benj. Temples from thence to a Stake and Stones at the new wall then on said wall to a Stake and Stones from thence on the wall to a heap of Stones by the wall then to a heap of Stones the north side of the gate at the Road leading to Maj^r Edwards said way is two Rods wide and the bounds are on the northerly side of said way

Francis Faulkner } Selectmen
John Edwards }

orders given by the Select men on the Town Treasurers Comd in by Jones Brooks Bayfields for the year 1782

Sept 4th 1782 an order to Helen Davis for money expended for the Town 2.12.0
Janu^y 1782 an order to Jones Brooks for money Paid to Simon Hunt and Lemethy Brooks due to them from the Town 2.8.0
Nov^r 26 1783 an order to Jones Brooks for money to Daphney Town Debt 2.14.0
April 22nd 1783 an order to Dorothy Barker for Boarding the widow Town 0.11.0
Jan^y 28 1783 an order to Eph^m Holmes for Labour Don. at a Bridge 0.4.0
Sep^r 13 1783 an order to Jones Brooks Paid to the Blackfield 1.1.0
Sep^r 14 1783 an order to Sam^l Tenney to support David Chaffon 1.10.0
Dec^r 16 1781 an order to Jones Brooks for Part of M^r Maywells School 5.3.0
July 21 1783 an order to Jones Brooks Paid for the Town 15.0
Nov^r 4th 1782 an order to Benj^m Hayward for money Borrowed of him 1.10.0
March 18th 1783 an order to Will^m Cutting for lumber and work at a Bridge 1.4.0
July 4th 22 1783 an order to Simon Hayward for Bridge plank 0.11.0
April 24 1783 an order to Jones Brooks for money Paid for Beef 1.17.0
Nov^r 26 1783 an order to Paul Hayward for money Borrowed of him 0.14.0
March 3 1784 an order to David Torbush in Part of a note taken M^r Maywell 2.9
Jan^y 6 1784 an order to Jones Brooks for a School 1.1.0
May 28 1784 an order to Jones Brooks for Keeping School & for time and money spent in the Town service 6.10.0
Feb^r 11 1784 an order to Jones Brooks in Part of a note to m^r White 6.16.0
John Dutton order
March 4th 1782 an order to Abrah^m Maygood Paid to Lemethy Brooks on a note 3.4.0
Nov^r 21 1782 an order to Sam^l Hayward for Boarding Joseph Reed 4.4.0
April 27 1782 an order to John Dutton for money Paid for the Town 0.17.9
July 16 1783 an order to Sam^l Dyer for Part of a note of Joseph Chaffon 3.13.0
April 22 1783 an order to Lemethy Brooks for putting off money due 2.10.0
Feb^r 23 1783 an order to Dorothy Barker for Boarding the widow Town 3.6.0
Janu^y 28 1783 an order to Dorothy Barker for Boarding the widow Town 1.12.0
Nov^r 4th 1782 an order to Helen Barker for Bridge plank 1.12.4
Dec^r 13 1782 an order to Sam^l Tenney for Boarding the widow Town 0.19.0
August 20 1783 an order to Dorothy Barker for Boarding the widow Town 1.17.4
Nov^r 26 1783 an order to Joseph Robbins for Buff for Army 3.2.0
October 27 1783 an order to Lara Wheeler for Boarding the widow Town 0.6.0
Dec^r 14 1783 an order to Lara Wheeler for Boarding the widow Town 1.0.0
Feb^r 28 1784 an order to Will^m Cutting for money Paid to Capt Robbins 3.11.9
March 2 1784 an order to Will^m Cutting for abatement of Rates 1.4.10
August 14 1783 an order to Ann Emerson abatement of her Rates 0.5.9
Jan^y 12 1783 an order to Simon Little for his service as freeman 7.4.0
Feb^r 21 1783 an order to William Barker for a horse for the army and for harnessing old Ensigns 829-0-0

march 14th 1793 an order to Sam^l White for work at a bridge 1:12:9
 may 12th 1793 an order to Moses Wood for part of school money 0:19:0
 march 14th 1793 an order to James Billings for part of County Note 3:14:6
 march 14th 1793 an order to Sarah Davis for timber for a bridge 1:11:8
 march 14th 1793 an order to Edward Withers for work at a bridge 0:8:0
 Dec^r 13th 1792 an order to Robert Robbins for boarding and shoes 1:8:6
 march 17th 1793 an order to Robert Robbins for keeping the marshing kept
 work done at a bridge 1:8:8
 march 18th 1793 an order to Joseph Brooks for time and money
 spent in the Town Service 6:9:7
 April 19th 1793 an order to Solomon Smith for repairing a school house 1:4:8
 march 14th 1793 an order to Benj^l Brook for work at a bridge 0:14:0
 march 10th 1793 an order to Nath^l Edwards for boarding head child 0:0:0
 march 10th 1793 an order to Daniel Barker Paid to Siphury Town Debt 5:8:8
 June 30th 1793 an order to Oliver Jones for work for the Poor 0:18:0
 April 17th 1793 an order to Jonathan Fletcher for keeping school 2:12:0
 march 17th 1793 an order to Robert Davis for time & money spent for 1st term 1:18:0
 march 14th 1793 an order to Sam^l White for 1st abatement of school house 1:13:9
 Dec^r 13th 1792 an order to Daniel Barker Paid on John Harris Abatement 2:2:0
 and in part of Joseph Darby's abatement from term 2:8:0
 march 15th 1793 an order to Seth Brooks for a school 5:2:0
 Sept. 18th 1793 an order to James Billings for John Perry's Notes 2:11:9
 Jan^y 24th 1794 an order to John Davis for boarding Lucy Willis &
 the widow Brown 7:10:0
 Jan^y 24th 1793 an order to Sam^l White for part of his bounty 0:5:0
 Feb^r 19th 1794 an order to Daniel Barker in part of a note of m^r Miles 4:14:0
 and in part of a note of Simon Hunt 3:0:0
 and the abatement of David Cheffins Miles 4:10:0
 April 17th 1793 an order to Joseph Brown for a school 4:10:0
 April 18th 1793 an order to Joseph Robbins for repairing school house 3:17:11
 march 18th 1793 an order to Mr. Noyes for repairing school house 2:12:7
 march 18th 1793 an order to Mr. Noyes for a school 5:8:0
 June 30th 1793 an order to Joseph Robbins for school for said term 1:9:2
 Feb^r 9th 1794 an order to Joseph Brooks to Siphury Town Debt 18:14:10
 August 10th 1793 an order to Simon Hunt to him on a note 1:2:8
 Nov^r 10th 1793 an order to Joseph Robbins for beef 2:5:7
 Nov^r 10th 1793 an order to Jonathan Fletcher for keeping school 2:2:0
 April 14th 1794 an order to Eph^l Hayward Paid on a note from m^r 3:12:8
 march 14th 1794 an order to Samuel Pooler for a school 5:0:0
 may 14th 1794 an order to Robert Robbins for keeping 1st term 1:8:0
 may 3rd 1794 an order to Joseph Darby for money due on a note 0:16:12
 April 22nd 1794 an order to Abel Hayward Paid to John Gillen on a note 3:0:0
 march 12th 1794 an order to Joseph Darby due on a note 0:16:0

may 12th 1793 an order to Benj^l White for part of his bounty for Mr. Emerson 7:11:0
 Jan^y 19th 1793 an order to Sam^l White for taking care of Lucy Willis 1:14:11
 another of 1:14:6
 another of 1:14:0
 Jan^y 19th 1793 an order to Eph^l Hayward Paid for boarding and shoes 3:18:0
 Dec^r 13th 1792 an order to James Davis for a school in 1st term 1791 4:0:0
 June 12th 1794 an order to Benj^l Brook for boarding and shoes 3:15:0
 march 18th 1794 an order to Seth Brooks for repairing a school house 2:7:9
 march 14th 1793 an order to Seth Brooks for work at a bridge 2:13:4
 march 14th 1794 an order to John Robbins for keeping school 5:10:0
 march 14th 1794 an order to Edward Withers for timber for school 0:4:6
 march 14th 1794 an order to William Kendall for grain for the Poor 1:13:18
 march 14th 1794 an order to Daniel Barker for a quantity of Notes 0:16:8
 march 12th 1794 an order to John Hayward for a school 2:11:0
 July 12th 1793 an order to Joseph Robbins for bridge plank 3:0:0
 march 12th 1794 an order to Daniel Barker for abatement of school 1:11:1
 march 18th 1794 an order to Sarah Wheeler for boarding m^r Brown 1:0:0
 June 30th 1793 an order to Jones Brooks part of abatement notes 6:0:0
 Sept. 3rd 1793 an order to Daniel Barker for boarding m^r Brown 1:10:4
 April 14th 1793 an order to Daniel Barker for boarding m^r Brown 1:10:4
 October 12th 1793 an order to William Kendall for a school 7:10:0
 Jan^y 10th 1792 an order to Simon Hunt abatement of
 Sarah Wheeler's Notes 2:1:4
 any of 11th 1790 an order to Dr. Hayward due to him from m^r Brown 4:0:0
 Jan^y 12th 1793 an order to Aaron Jones for money paid to Symon 4:7:0
 April 12th 1793 an order to Francis Hawthorne for time & money 6:1:0
 October 10th 1793 an order to Sam^l Tenney for a school 2:2:0
 Nov^r 25th 1793 an order to Paul Hayward for money borrowed 2:14:8
 April 12th 1793 an order to Jones Brooks for time & money 3:8:2
 Nov^r 10th 1793 an order to Benj^l Hayward in part of a note due to him 7:13:10
 June 18th 1794 an order to Daniel Brooks for cloth for m^r Miles 0:9:0
 April 12th 1794 an order to Moses Wheeler for money due to m^r Miles 0:31:8
 march 18th 1794 an order to David Horbush for money paid for 1st term 4:9:8
 April 14th 1792 an order to Joseph Noyes for keeping school 3:0:0
 August 20th 1793 an order to George Robbins to Day Town Debt 1:10:0
 April 12th 1793 an order to Timothy Brooks for interest money 2:18:0
 August 14th 1793 an order to George Robbins to Day Town Debt 5:8:0
 October 10th 1793 an order to Geo. Robbins to Day Town Debt 1:7:4
 Dec^r 13th 1792 an order to Moses Wheeler for time 0:19:4
 April 12th 1794 an order to Abel Hayward to Day Town Debt 1:14:0
 April 17th 1794 an order to Francis Hawthorne for time & money 4:19:6
 Feb^r 11th 1794 an order to Dr. Hayward to Day Town Debt 1:8:0
 Jan^y 16th 1794 an order to Francis Hawthorne for support of Lucy m^r Brown 3:6:6
 April 12th 1794 an order to Eph^l Hayward to Day Town Debt 5:7:2
 Dec^r 13th 1792 an order to Stevens Hayward for a school 1:14:9

march 31 1784 an order to James Southover in Part of a note to him L 3:10:4
 Jan 17 1784 an order to Aaron Jones for Bridge Plank 0:10:0
 Jan 17 1784 an order to Ezra Wheeler for Boarding m^r Jones 1:0:0
 march 2 1784 an order to Joseph Denby for Part of a note due to him 4:0:0
 Nov 13 1783 an order to Ezra Wheeler for Boarding m^r Jones 1:15:9
 march 8 1784 an order to David Denby L to Day Town Debt 3:14:10
 may 12 1784 an order to Benjⁿ Hayward for Part of a note due to him 9:0:0
 Feb 17 1784 an order to Ezra Wheeler for Boarding m^r Jones 0:4:0
 april 14 1784 an order to the same for repairing School House 3:6
 may 24 1784 an order to Mary Kennedy for Boarding m^r Jones 0:19:0
 may 24 1784 an order to Capt Simon Hunt in Part of a school 1:8:0
 april 14 1784 an order to Silas Conant to Day Town Debt 3:12:0
 oct 18 1784 an order to Joseph Brabrook for supporting Door 1:11:8
 Dec 19 1783 an order to Nathl^e Edwards for Boarding m^r Child 6:4:0
 Dec 19 1783 an order to Sam^l White for Joseph Reed 1:5:1
 march 1 1784 an order to Nathl^e Edwards for Boarding m^r Child 6:16:0
 Feb 17 1784 an order to Robert Robbins for Boarding m^r Jones 3:9:0
 an order to James Davis to Day Town Debt 2:9:3
 Feb 17 1784 an order to Abigail Davis for nursing Lucy Willis 3:0:0
 march 31 1784 an order to Joseph Brabrook in Part of a school 1:4:0
 Feb 17 1784 an order to Sarah Davis for a bed for Lucy Willis 1:4:0
 Feb 17 1784 an order to James Davis for Boarding Lucy Willis 3:18:6
 June 17 1784 an order to Joseph Brabrook for time & money 2:9:7
 april 24 1784 an order to Oliver Jones for a School 2:0:0
 June 17 1784 an order to Joseph Brown for Boarding Lucy Willis 0:11:8
 June 17 1784 an order to James Davis for Bridge Plank 0:4:0
 march 29 1784 an order to Mary Kennedy for Boarding m^r Jones 6:6:0
 may 28 1784 an order to John Southover for Silver for Door 1:14:6
 June 1784 an order to Benjⁿ Hayward for supporting the Door 6:2:4
 June 1784 an order to Benjⁿ Hayward for Boarding m^r Jones 0:18:0
 June 1784 an order to Ezra Wheeler for a School 3:0:0
 may 1784 an order to James Davis for a School 0:12:0
 June 21 1784 an order to Joseph Robbins for a School 3:6:10
 June 21 1784 an order to James Davis for a School 0:18:0
 June 28 1784 an order to Ezra Wheeler for Boarding m^r Jones 0:18:0
 June 28 1784 an order to Stephen Hoffman for Part of a note 8:10:9
 August 5 1784 an order to James Brooks for money Paid the Committee to build the Town in a school 4:0:8
 August 5 1784 an order to James Brooks for money Paid the Committee to build the Town in a school 7:0:4
 August 5 1784 an order to James Brooks for money Paid the Committee to build the Town in a school 0:12:0
 August 5 1784 an order to James Brooks for money Paid the Committee to build the Town in a school 0:4:0
 August 5 1784 an order to James Brooks for money Paid the Committee to build the Town in a school 0:12:0
 August 5 1784 an order to James Brooks for money Paid the Committee to build the Town in a school 1:15:6
 August 5 1784 an order to James Brooks for money Paid the Committee to build the Town in a school 1:4:0
 August 5 1784 an order to James Brooks for money Paid the Committee to build the Town in a school 10:10:0

August 5 1784 an order to James Brooks for money Paid the Committee to build the Town in a school 4:12:0
 August 5 1784 an order to Robert Robbins for Boarding Lucy Willis 2:8:0
 August 20 1784 an order to the same for Boarding Lucy Willis 1:8:0
 Nov 25 1784 an order to James Davis for m^r Adams 8:13:8
 Nov 25 1784 an order to John Flanagan for m^r Adams 3:8:0
 Nov 25 1784 an order to Jonathan Chapin for m^r Adams 3:12:0
 Nov 25 1784 an order to Jonathan Chapin for m^r Adams 3:18:8
 Nov 25 1784 an order to Benjⁿ Hayward for m^r Adams 8:0:0
 Nov 25 1784 an order to Benjⁿ Hayward for m^r Adams 1:13:6
 Nov 25 1784 an order to John Flanagan for m^r Adams 2:9:0
 Nov 25 1784 an order to Sam^l White for a School 0:17:6
 Dec 31 1784 an order to Silas Conant for Plank & Timber 1:8:6
 Dec 31 1784 an order to Robert Robbins for Boarding Lucy Willis 1:15:0
 Dec 31 1784 an order to Robert Robbins for Boarding Lucy Willis 0:19:0
 Dec 31 1784 an order to Robert Robbins for Boarding Lucy Willis 0:18:0
 Dec 31 1784 an order to Eph^m Torbuck for a Town Debt 3:18:9
 Dec 31 1784 an order to Capt Robbins for Plank & money 2:1:0
 Dec 31 1784 an order to Lincoln Hayward for repairing the Door 5:9:0
 Dec 31 1784 an order to Jonathan Davis for a School 2:1:0
 Dec 31 1784 an order to James Davis for shoes for Jo^l Reed 0:14:0
 Dec 31 1784 an order to John Harries for Plank 0:11:0
 Dec 31 1784 an order to James Davis for Plank 1:14:7
 March 3 1784 an order to James Brooks for time & money 4:8:8
 March 3 1784 an order to Joseph Brabrook for time & money 3:6:6
 March 3 1784 an order to John Southover for time & money 7:13:6
 March 3 1784 an order to Nathl^e Edwards for supporting Door 7:11:2
 March 3 1784 an order to Sam^l White for School 176 work of 1:2:6
 March 3 1784 an order to Nathl^e Edwards for a School 4:4:0
 March 3 1784 an order to William Threlkeld for the Door 1:18:3
 Feb 1784 an order to Ezra Wheeler for Boarding m^r Jones 1:16:0
 March 3 1784 an order to Sam^l White for Plank 0:12:0
 March 21 1784 an order to Samuel Wright to the m^r Adams 4:0:0
 March 21 1784 an order to John Robbins for a School 2:0:0
 March 21 1784 an order to Sam^l Little for a School 3:0:0
 March 21 1784 an order to Sam^l Hayward to m^r Woodys note 5:10:5
 March 21 1784 an order to Nathl^e Edwards for Boarding m^r Child 4:10:3
 March 21 1784 an order to Nathan Hunt, chairman of the 0:10:0
 March 21 1784 an order to John Robbins for a School 3:0:0
 March 22 1784 an order to Nathl^e Southover for a School 3:0:0
 March 23 1784 an order to Lucy Cutting for m^r Hayward's School 1:1:0
 March 31 1784 an order to Benjⁿ Hayward for Town Debt 4:19:0
 March 31 1784 an order to Capt Simon Hunt for 35 wds for 4:2:7
 March 31 1784 an order to Capt Hunt for the Law Lib with Sam^l Jones 2:0:0
 March 31 1784 an order to Stephen Hoffman for Plank 0:10:9
 March 31 1784 an order to Daniel Shepard for the School House 1:3:6
 March 31 1784 an order to John Adams for the Law Lib with Jones 2:18:6
 March 31 1784 an order to John Adams for repairing the School House 1:0:0

April 1786 an order for Saml. Dyer's note
 March 1781 an order to Jonas Brooks for a school 6: 17: 11
 March 1781 an order to Saml. Linfield for a school 2: 18: 9
 March 1781 an order to Stephen Law for a school 0: 16: 0
 March 1781 an order to Elias Law for a journey of his horse for Adam 0: 10: 3
 April 1781 an order to Saml. Adams for keeping school 0: 4: 0
 April 1781 an order to Samuel Jones for Boarding school mch 1: 16: 0
 April 1781 an order to Lucy Marshall for a school in 1784 1: 4: 6
 April 1784 an order to Robert. Robbins for Boarding school 1: 14: 8
 April 1784 an order to Robert. Robbins for Boarding school 1: 0: 0
 April 1784 an order to David Horbush for Plank & Lumber 1: 11: 6
 April 1786 an order to Amos. Welcher for work at body 0: 0: 0
 April 1786 an order to Jonas Brooks for a school 1: 0: 0
 April 1786 an order to Abrm. Kinggood for abatement of Daniel Brooks note 2: 4: 3
 April 1786 an order to Seth Brooks for a school 1: 7: 6
 April 1786 an order to Joseph. Lock for Boarding wid. Trow 3: 5: 0
 April 1786 an order to Nathl. Faulkner for a school house 0: 16: 9
 April 1786 an order to James Faulkner for the school house 0: 8: 4
 April 1786 an order to Joseph. Robbins for the school 0: 13: 4
 April 1786 an order to Jones. Hall for a school 0: 6: 8
 May an order to Saml. Cutting abatement of Daniel Brooks note 1: 12: 0
 August an order to John. Wheeler for timber for a school 5: 13: 8
 August 1786 an order to John. Wheeler for Boarding wid. Trow 0: 10: 0
 August 1786 an order to John. Wheeler for Boarding wid. Trow 2: 0: 0
 October 1786 an order to Simon. Hunt for Town Debt 3: 4: 3
 October 1786 an order to Joseph. Lock for Boarding wid. Trow 2: 11: 6
 March 1786 an order to Daniel. Brooks for Boarding wid. Trow 1: 0: 1-2
 1786 orders upon Aaron. Jones Treasurers
 Jan 1786 an order to Stephen. Holmes for an old debt 0: 0: 0
 Jan 1786 an order to Ezra. Wheeler for Boarding the widow 3: 7: 5
 Jan 1786 an order to Saml. Adams for keeping school 3: 7: 1
 Jan 1786 an order to William Cutting abatement of Daniel Brooks note 1: 7: 6
 Jan 1786 an order to Capt. Robbins for Boarding the widow 5: 1: 3
 Jan 1786 an order to Capt. Robbins for Boarding the widow 0: 12: 6
 Jan 1786 an order to Robert. Robbins for Boarding the widow 0: 16: 9
 Jan 1786 an order to John. Robbins for a journey to Milan 0: 14: 0
 Feb 1786 an order to Samuel. Wright for money paid to Adams 3: 12: 1
 Feb 1786 an order to Joseph. Barker for keeping school 2: 12: 0
 March 1786 an order to Benj. Brabrook for a school 2: 9: 8
 March 1786 an order to John. Wheeler for the school 5: 16: 8
 March 1786 an order to Moses. Wood for a school 0: 6: 8
 March 1786 an order to John. Wheeler for a school 0: 13: 0
 March 1786 an order to John. Wheeler for a school 1: 10: 0
 March 1786 an order to Ebenezer. Hall for Plank 0: 9: 6
 March 1786 an order to Simon. Hayward for money lent the Town 8: 2: 0
 March 1786 an order to Saml. Adams for a school 1: 13: 9
 March 1786 an order to Capt. John. Hayward 0: 12: 0
 March 1786 an order to Oliver. Jones for work at high way 0: 15: 0
 March 1786 an order to Capt. Robbins for horse & money spent for school 2: 9: 9
 March 1786 an order to John. Wheeler for the school 1: 12: 0
 March 1786 an order to John. Wheeler for the school 1: 2: 6
 March 1786 an order to John. Wheeler for the school 0: 10: 0

March 1786 an order to Nathl. Faulkner for a school 2: 34: 0
 March 1786 an order to Joseph. Brooks for Boarding wid. Trow 2: 9: 2
 March 1786 an order to Samuel. Parker for a school of wid. Trow 0: 5: 6
 March 1786 an order to David. Barnes for a school 0: 4: 0
 March 1786 an order to David. Barnes for a school 1: 6: 8
 March 1786 an order to Capt. Brown for keeping school 0: 18: 0
 March 1786 an order to Jonas. Faulkner for Ezra. Wheeler for wid. Trow 1: 0: 0
 March 1786 an order to a pair of shoes for wid. Trow 0: 6: 6
 March 1786 an order to Stephen. Shepard for keeping school 4: 10: 8
 March 1786 an order to Amos. Faulkner for Boarding a school mch 2: 10: 0
 March 1786 an order to Ezra. Wheeler for Boarding the widow Trow 1: 4: 0
 March 1786 an order to John. Horbush for a note he has against the Town 3: 2: 1
 March 1786 an order to John. Robbins 1: 15: 0
 March 1786 an order to John. Robbins 0: 15: 7
 March 1786 an order to John. Davis for a basket of this for Phillip. Bates 0: 5: 0
 March 1786 an order to Paul. Hayward for Capt. Brown. Keeping school 1: 0: 0
 March 1786 an order to John. Brooks for timber money lent in the Town 2: 12: 9
 March 1786 an order to John. Brooks for his keeping school 0: 14: 0
 March 1786 an order to John. Brooks for his keeping school 0: 6: 0
 March 1786 an order to John. Brooks for his keeping school 4: 5: 0
 March 1786 an order to John. Brooks for Boarding Boarding the school mch 2: 15: 0
 March 1786 an order to John. Brooks for keeping school 4: 10: 0
 March 1786 an order to John. Wheeler for keeping school 2: 10: 0
 March 1786 an order to Ezra. Baker for Boarding a school mch 2: 0: 0
 March 1786 an order to Abraham. Kinggood in part of John. Wheeler note 4: 13: 10
 March 1786 an order to Simon. Hunt for full of John. Wheeler note 5: 2: 0
 March 1786 an order to Capt. Joseph. Brown in full for the school in his town 9: 0: 0
 March 1786 an order to Simon. Hayward for his wife keeping school 2: 16: 0
 March 1786 an order to Benj. Hayward for Mr. Shepard's keeping school 1: 17: 8
 March 1786 an order to Daniel. Shepard on Hill Thomas' school 1: 17: 8
 March 1786 an order to John. Adams abatement of Daniel Brooks note 0: 7: 10
 March 1786 an order to Ezra. Wheeler for Boarding the widow Trow 1: 10: 0
 March 1786 an order to John. Adams for timber for a bridge 2: 10: 0
 March 1786 an order to John. Adams for his journey to Boston & Woburn on Town business 0: 14: 8
 March 1786 an order to Benj. Brabrook for grain for the Town 0: 6: 0
 March 1786 an order to John. Brooks for Boarding the widow 3: 8: 9
 March 1786 an order to Capt. Joseph. Robbins for high way work 0: 18: 0
 March 1786 an order to Benj. Hayward Town Debt & Debt 7: 1: 2
 March 1786 an order to James. Faulkner for part of a school 1: 10: 0
 March 1786 an order to James. Bellinger in part of a school 3: 12: 8
 March 1786 an order to John. Adams for a school 0: 12: 1
 March 1786 an order to Oliver. Jones in part of a school 4: 14: 8
 March 1786 an order to Seth. Brooks in part of a note against the Town 0: 16: 4
 March 1786 an order to John. Adams for a school for a bridge 0: 6: 0
 March 1786 an order to Samuel. Parker on Simon. Hunt's note 4: 5: 1
 March 1786 an order to Augustus. Cook for keeping school 2: 14: 0
 March 1786 an order to Joseph. Dyer on Hill Thomas' school 1: 0: 0
 March 1786 an order to William. Thomas for his school 1: 3: 4
 March 1786 an order to Joseph. Brooks for Boarding the widow Trow 0: 9: 4
 March 1786 an order to Mary. Kennedy for Boarding wid. Trow 0: 15: 0
 March 1786 an order to Simon. Tuttle in part of a note 3: 4: 6
 March 1786 an order to Jonathan. Davis for Boarding wid. Trow 12 weeks 2: 19: 6
 March 1786 an order to Ezra. Wheeler in full for Boarding wid. Trow 0: 18: 0
 March 1786 an order to Ezra. Wheeler for sawing Plank for a bridge 0: 8: 0

June 4th 1786 an order to Stephen Thomas for keeping school 0:4:11 for Plank — 0:8:11

July 4th 1786 an order to Dea^r Brodus for the abatement of 1/10th of them — 0:15:21

to John Harris for Boarding Ruth's Daughter — 0:8:4

to Daniel Davis for the School in 1784 — 1:0:0

to Robert Robbins 20/ for keeping the meeting house ^{for 1/2 year} — 1:15:11

to Seth Brooks for work on Groton Road — 0:15:0

July 31st to Rachel Davis for Boarding School mth 1784 — 1:3:4

Aug 29th to James Billing for an order on Daniel Barker 2:0:0

August 28th to Francis Faulkner for supporting the door in 1783 — 1:11:2

August 22nd to Samuel Wheeler for timber & plank for Bridges 1:1:0

Sept 26th to Ezra Wheeler for Boarding the widow Dow — 1:4:0

Oct 1st 1786 to Samuel Hayward on Ezra Wheeler's account — 0:11:6

Oct 7th to Ezra Wheeler for Boarding the widow Dow — 1:5:0

Oct 30th to George Wellington for Mth for the men who work on Littleton Road — 0:14:3

to Mary Kennedy — 1:10:6

Dec 22nd 1786 to Oliver Jones for work on Littleton Road — 0:14:8

to James Billing for work on Littleton Road — 0:8:0

to Capt Joseph Robbins for work on the Road — 2:16:0

to George Wellington for the same — 0:18:8

to Capt Robbins for the same — 2:9:3

to Dea^r Hayward for Interest — 2:4:2

to Ezra Wheeler for Boarding the widow Dow 1:4:0

Jan 3rd 1787 to Ezra Wheeler for Boarding the widow Dow 1:5:0

Jan 4th 1787 to Am. Emerson for keeping school in 1784 — 1:4:0

to Robert Robbins for Boarding Lucy Wells — 0:15:4

to Do — 1:4:0

to Do — 1:0:0

to Dea^r Brodus — 0:2:0

to James Davis an abatement of Bond & Ruth's Mth — 3:3:3

to Sam^l Hitch in full of his account of 1/2 year — 2:13:10

to Joseph Dale for work on Littleton Road — 0:2:8

to Seth Brooks on Det of a note 2:10:4 & 1/2 day work on Littleton Road — 3:9:0

to Sam^l Temple for 1 day work — 0:2:8

to John Robbins for 1 do — 0:2:8

February 7th 1787 to an order to William Thomas for keeping school — 1:4:0

to Do — 1:0:0

to Nath^l Alward for supporting head children — 6:10:2

to Robert Robbins for Boarding Lucy Wells & Ruth — 1:10:0

to an order to Francis Faulkner — 4:8:0

to Capt Robbins for time and supporting door — 6:00

to John Robbins — 5:8:4

to Wm. Thomas for keeping school — 0:16:9

to Stephen Shepard for keeping school — 6:6:0

to Do — 2:0:0

to James Brooks for a school — 6:0:0

to Do for time and money paid in the town — 0:14:0

March 4th 1787 an order to Eph^m Roberts for Proambulating — 0:2:0

an order to Robert Robbins in full for Boarding Lucy Wells — 2:14:0

March 11th an order to Samuel Darling for his horse as an abatement — 2:8:8

an order to Samuel Hitch for his proportion of school money — 0:19:8

an order to Wm. Kendall for 2 days work on Littleton Road — 0:3:4

an order to James Davis for work on the Road & Plank — 0:16:10

an order to Seth Brooks for keeping school — 4:10:0

an order to James Wells for making Mth — 2:4:0

an order to William Thomas — 1:0:0

one do — 0:19:2

one do in full — 0:6:1

April 2nd an order to Robert Robbins for Boarding Lucy Wells — 1:0:0

an order to Henry Flint for keeping school — 4:0:0

March 11th an order to Sargent for keeping school — 2:4:0

an order to James Faulkner in part of a school — 0:8:0

an order to Benj. Hayward in part for the same school — 4:0:0

an order to Joseph Robbins for Boarding for Jst Mth — 2:18:0

April 16th to do Simon Little for work on Littleton Road — 0:4:4

and more in the same order — 0:4:4

to Simon Little for a school — 7:0:0

The following orders are brought from Simon Little to Aaron Jones (via)

to Robert Robbins — 2:14:8

to Robert Robbins — 0:19:0

to Robert Robbins — 0:18:8

to Robert Robbins — 0:18:0

April 16th to Wm. Kendall for providing for Jst Mth — 0:7:0

25 an order to Mary Kennedy on Daniel Barker's Tax — 2:16:0

May to Lieut. Hayes for time & money for the town — 3:0:0

to Jameson Hayward for money paid to James Barrett — 0:12:8

and on Thomas's account — 1:0:0

Feb^y 26 1787 to an order to John Craig for supporting Joseph's school 1:7:0
 to an order to William Thomas for keeping school 0:12:0
 an order to Robert Robbins for boarding Lucy Hill 1:0:0
 an order to Jones Brooks in part of his school 0:10:9
 march 7^y 2 an order to Samuel Wright on Daniel Barker's note 1:10:9
 an order to William Thomas for keeping school 0:10:0
 an order to W^m Thomas for keeping school 0:10:0
 march 29 an order to W^m Thomas for keeping school 1:0:0

January 1788 to an order to Joseph Piper for keeping school 3:14:0
 February an order to Capt Robbins for supporting Will's school 4:0:0
 to for blowing stone in Littleton Road 1:8:4
 to Simon Davis for timber 0:3:9
 to D^r Skinner for doctoring the door 3:15:0
 to Do 1:9:4
 to Dea^r May ward 5:0:0
 to David Conklyn for abatement of rates 0:8:0
 to John Edwards for one of the Town's Dogs 4:17:2

march to John Wheeler for wood for Kennedy 1:10:0
 to John Robbins for keeping school 4:13:4
 to Amasa Piper for m^r Thomas' school 0:11:0
 to George Robbins on said school 0:7:6
 and for boarding the schoolmaster 0:13:0
 to Samuel Berlin for a woman's school 1:0:0
 to Samuel Wright for plank 0:7:0
 to Joseph Robbins for abatement of rates 1:8:11
 to Jones Brooks in part of his school 3:17:9
 to Do 0:5:4
 to Joseph Lock for wood for Kennedy 0:16:0
 to Joseph Barker for Kennedy 2:11:3
 to Elijah Davies abatement of Eph Davis' rates 1:0:4
 to John Hunt for boarding the schoolmaster 0:14:8
 to Daniel Shepard for John Kennedy 2:0:0
 to an order to Robert Robbins for timber 0:12:0
 to John Adams for wood for the school 1:3:0
 to Jones Brooks in part of his keeping school 0:14:6
 to Jones Brooks in full of their school 0:19:8
 to Francis Hawthorne for grain for Kennedy 0:12:0
 to Abraham Hapgood for beef for Kennedy 1:14:0
 to Do 0:16:7
 to Do 2:18:0

April 7 to Simon Little for money paid for the town 7:0:0
 to Jones Little for his school 0:17:0
 to Capt Hunt for abatement of rates & boarding school 0:8:0
 to George Robbins for rice for the door 2:17:0
 to Robert Robbins for supporting Lucy Hill 0:11:9
 to Jones Barker for Thomas' school 5:0:8
 to David Bernard for keeping school 6:0:0

may to Simon Little for keeping school 6:12:0
 Sept 3 1788 to John Dealer in part of Day for
 a ox killed of Amos Davis for the army
 in the year 1788

May 1788 an order to Roger Wheeler for keeping a cow for the paper 1:10:0
 to for having kept & boarding a cow 2:0:8
 to Simon Little for money due to him 4:7:6
 to Joneth Davis for work on Littleton Road 0:4:0
 Silas Piper for the widow Irons 1:4:0
 John Dealer 1:12:6
 Simon Hayward 1:14:6

January 1789 an order to Capt Joseph Brown for 8 10:8
 Do note of John Dyer 1 7:0
 Do 1 4:0
 27 - an order to Capt John Hayward for willm Baker 2 6:8
 to Sara Conant for Plank for bridge 0 19:0
 29 an order to Thomas Law for the widow Trow 2 10:0
 to John Oliver for work at Law bridge 0 3:0
 30 to Daniel Shepard for John Kennedy 1 2:16
 to Peter Hilder for work at Law bridge 0 14:0
 to Aaron Jones for abatement of land Emersett 0 10:6
 Feb 16 an order to Nathl Faulkner 1 3:2
 to Silas Piper 0 13:8
 an order to Mary Hayward for a school 0 13:8
 Feb 9 an order to John Adams for David Chaffin 1 18:9
 Do 1 0:0
 0 6:0
 1 4:0
 to Simon Hayward 1 19:2
 Capt Robers for Boarding Willm Need 4 10:8
 Do 1 3:0
 to Jacob French 0 5:0
 to Joseph Piper for Boarding Eli Dyer 0 18:0
 an order to John Edwards for Boarding Widow 7 18:0
 23 to Capt Joseph Robbins abate of Capt Turners Rate 0 14:0
 March an order to Ephm Thorburn for Boarding Nathan Brooks 5 6:0
 to Robert Robbins for Boarding Lucy Willis 3 16:0
 to Simon Tattle on a note 1 15:5 1/2
 to John Robbins 0 5:0
 to Jones Brooks for keeping School 5 16:0
 to Simon Hayward Hayward for Plank 0 7:12
 to David Barnard for keeping School 3 10:0
 to Joseph Piper for Boarding the widow Trow 2 8:0
 to Silas Piper for Boarding the widow Trow 1 10:0
 to William Piper for Boarding Eli Dyer 0 18:0
 to William Piper for Boarding the widow Trow 0 18:0
 to Silas Piper for keeping School 1 14:0
 to William Thomas for keeping School 7 0:0
 to Nathan Shepard for keeping School 0 6:0
 to James Faulkner for willm Thomas School 1 10:0
 April to William Thomas for keeping School 3 10:0
 to David Barnard for keeping School 3 7:2
 to Daniel Shepard for Kennedy 1 11:0
 to Joseph Piper for Boarding Eli Dyer 1 8:6
 to Ephm Thorburn for Boarding Nathan Brooks 1 16:0
 May to Mary Wheeler for 0 4:0
 to Oliver Jones for William Thomas 0 10:0
 June to George Robbins for William Thomas 3 10:2 1/2
 July to Francis Faulkner for lumber money 2 0:0
 to Silas Piper for Boarding Widow Trow 0 6:0
 to Simon Hayward for Willm Thomas School 0 6:0

May 12 1789
 an order to Aaron Jones 12 18:9
 Do for Charles Brown 1 17:8
 Dec to Deacon Saml Hayward on a note against the Town 5 15:0
 Do for Boarding a Schoolmaster 2 5:0
 to John Adams for supporting David Chaffin 1 8:6
 to Silas Piper for Trow 0 12:9
 Jan 1789 an order to Peter Whitcomb on full for Boarding Fing Ept Brook 2 10:0
 and for Clothing 0 18:9
 Jan 1789 an order to Robert Robbins 4 7:4
 Do in full for Boarding Lucy Willis & Child 0 17:1
 to Francis Faulkner for money lent the Town 1 6:0
 Feb 18 an order to Jonathan Towner for Boarding widow Trow 0 8:4
 Do 0 6:4
 Do 1 5:0
 15 1/4 to Capt Robbins for repairing Law bridge 0 15:0
 to Daniel Shepard for money paid for the Town 2 2:9
 to Robert Chaffin for repairing a School house 2 9:0
 to John Adams for David Chaffin 2 11:0
 to Silas Piper for Plank Clothing & Boarding widow Trow 0 3:0
 to James Billing for repairing School 4 0:0
 to Nathl Wright for keeping School 1 7:0
 22 to Silas Conant for timber & plank 0 6:0
 to Stephen Law for Board of Home for Bulwark 0 6:5
 March to Daniel Shepard abatement of land Tenants West Hill 0 6:5
 to Capt Brown for plank for a bridge 0 6:2
 to Robert Robbins for Boarding Lucy Willis 1 8:0
 to Nathl Wright for keeping School 0 9:6
 to Jones Brooks for keeping School 2 10:0
 Do 0 10:0
 to Jacob French for service done for David Chaffin 4 12:0
 to Lunt Thomas Hayes for time and money 0 18:0
 Jonathan Towner for Boarding the widow Trow 2 16:0
 April Capt John Hayward for Boarding Nathan Brooks 0 19:0
 to Jones Brooks for keeping School 1 16:10
 to Silas Piper for Boarding the widow Trow 1 0:0
 to Francis Faulkner for Mary Dyer 7 0:7
 to Simon Hayward 1 2:4
 to Stephen Law for timber for a bridge 2 4:0
 to Stevens Hayward for Boarding a Schoolmaster 2 5:10
 to Saml Wright for Lunt keeping School 0 12:0
 Do 0 2:0
 to Lord Brooks expenses at vendue 0 12:4
 to Jonathan Towner for Boarding widow Trow 0 8:0
 Do 1 15:7
 John Adams for keeping school 0 18:0
 Do 0 4:0
 Do 0 11:8
 to Silas Conant for work at a bridge 0 4:6
 two orders to Thomas Thayer for Boarding Lunt Wright 0 18:4
 to Nathl Piper for keeping School 4 3:4

May 20th To Edward Hetherbee for mending Door to Littleton 0:16:0
 to Robert Robbins for Boarding Lucy Willis & Child 2:0:0
 To taking care of the meeting house 1:0:0
 to David Barnard for Boarding Schoolmaster 0:15:9
 to the Mrs. Adams for Boarding a Schoolmaster 1:7:6
 to Mr. Seth Brooks for his School 7:0:0
 to Capt. Jones Neels for a school 7:0:0
 to Stephen Davis for a horse for a bridge 0:12:0
 to Willard Meriam on Helen's father's account 0:6:0
 to Silas Piper for Boarding the Widow Trow 1:0:4
 to Francis Faulkner for time spent in the Town 0:7:2
 Do partly for Mary Duffett & partly for the Town 1:10:0
 May 24th to Aaron Hayward for abatement of Dr. Barker's note against the Town 2:17:8¹²
 Do "John's by note 0:19:0
 June 4th to Mr. Solomon Adams for keeping School 1:3:0
 Do 1:10:0
 Do in full 0:14:8
 12th to Henry Hayward for School 0:11:8
 20th to Capt. Hunt for plank for a bridge 0:8:1
 to Stephen Law for work at a bridge 0:14:6
 to Daniel Shepard for wood for the School 0:3:0
 Do for a journey to Littleton for the Town 0:72:0
 to Hesketh Wheeler for Peter Whitcomb 1:10:0
 June 28th to Dr. Skinner for attending the Town in sickness 1:10:0
 Do 2:9:0
 Do to Francis Faulkner for time and money on a note against the Town 0:17:1
 July 1st 0th to Henry Duffett on a note against the Town 0:6:0
 Do to George Robbins for a gun for the Town 2:16:0
 July 8th to Capt. Joseph Robbins for Gilbert's notes 1:9:0
 to James Billings for a note against the Town 1:13:3
 to Mr. John Robbins in part of a note against the Town 0:6:3
 to Capt. Joseph Robbins for plank for bridge 5:17:3
 to Aaron Jones for plank and for the Town 2:5:6
 to John Hayward for Boarding Son's paper Child 1:0:0
 to Lieut. Bradbrook for his service as Town Treasurer 0:15:0
 to Silas Piper for Boarding the Widow Trow 0:7:6
 to Robert Robbins for Boarding Lucy Willis 2:5:0
 12th to David Torbush on Decemr Hayward's note against the Town 1:4:0
 to Aaron Whitney on Hesketh Wheeler's note 1:12:4
 Do 1:38:0
 to Ephm Hayward in part of Hesketh Wheeler's note 0:13:1
 to Stephen Law for work at a bridge 2:45:0
 to Dr. Hayward in part of his note against the Town 2:45:0

20th To order to Jonathan Hayward on a note of what Hesketh 0:15:0
 July 15th to John Wheeler on the above note 0:18:0
 to John Wheeler on the same note 1:10:0
 to David Torbush in part of the above note 0:7:8
 to Aaron Hayward for Boarding Ephm Brooks 0:19:2
 to John Robbins for a gun for the State 0:15:0
 to Hesketh Wheeler for Hesketh Wheeler's note 1:17:6
 August to Peter Whitcomb for Boarding Ephm Brooks 0:10:0
 Do in full 0:8:5
 to Saml Hayward abatement of Joseph Rogers notes 1:2:11
 to Stephen Hayward in part of Dr. Hayward's note 1:13:0
 to Samuel Hayward abatement of notes 9:3:0
 to John Harris for a gun for the State 0:12:0
 Sep 17th to Seth Brooks abatement of Dr. Jones's notes 3:0:0
 to Joseph Brown for transporting State arms to Boston 0:6:0
 Oct 2nd to Capt. John Hayward for Boarding Nathan Brooks 7:6
 to Peter Hatcher for Boarding wid Trow's weeks 1:16:0
 to Francis Barker on Dr. Hayward's account 0:10:4
 to Aaron Jones for money paid for the Town 0:11:3
 to Aaron Jones for money paid for the Town 0:15:0
 Do 0:6:0
 to Aaron Jones for cloth for the poor 3:0:0
 Oct 29th to Ephm Torbush for money for Isaac Hubbard 0:11:10 1/2
 to Ephm Torbush for Joseph Rogers notes 0:3:9 1/2
 and for a mistake in Robert Duffett's notes 1:14:6
 to James Billings the abatement of Rogers notes 1:14:6
 Nov 1st to Dr. Jones Hayward in part of his note against the Town 10:0:0
 Do in full of his note aforesaid 8:2:2
 to Peter Hatcher for the Widow Trow 0:9:9
 for work at Hayward's Bridge 0:4:6
 to Joseph Piper for labour at Hawthorn & Hayward's Bridge 1:2:5
 to Robert Cheffins for Samuel Brooks notes 0:15:0
 to Robert Cheffins abatement of John Neels notes 0:10:0
 to Daniel Shepard abatement for Joseph Piper notes 0:11:2
 Do abatement of Robert Barker's notes 0:11:2
 to Joseph Piper for labour at Hayward's Bridge 0:16:0
 to Silas Piper in part of Dr. Hayward's note 2:0:0

U. Record of orders on the Town Rate N^o 1

Feb^y 17th 1791 an order to Francis Faulkner for three pounds 4^s for Provisions for David Cheffins family — 3:4:0
at the same time an order to John Faulkner for the Ballance Due to him for his services for the Town in the year 1790 — 2:8:8

February 21st 1791 an order to Elias Sawyer for Repairing 30 arms belonging to the Militia on Tax N^o 1 — 1:16:0

24th an order to Aaron Jones for money due to him on a Ballance of his account against the Town — 2:19:7

25th an order to Daniel Brooks in Part for his service in Keeping School on Tax N^o 1 — 2:15:0
Do on the same Tax — 1:5:0

at the same time another order for School in full — 3:0:0

at the same time an order to Elijah Davis it being for Father for Belts for the Bayonets to the Militia arms — 0:15:0

28th an order to Stephen Lewis for some load of wood for David Cheffins at 6^d — 2:14:0

at the same time an order to Simson Haywood for Grain and Potatoes for David Cheffins — 2:1:10

at the same time an order to Aaron Jones for the abatement of Jacob Robbins Rates — 0:19:12

at the same time an order to Luther Wright for his service in parts in keeping school — 2:7:0 3

at the same time an order to the Rev^d Mr Adams for Boarding Mr Luther Wright while keeping school — 1:10:0

at the same time an order to Luther Wright for two pounds nineteen shillings one farthing in full for the school near D^r Shenners — 2:19:0 1

March 5th 1791 an order to John Adams for half pound & keeping a box for David Cheffins — 3:38:0

at the same time an order to Sad Adams for a school mail 4 weeks — 1:4:0

at the same time an order to Jonas Brooks for use of wood for a school — 0:10:3

Luther Wright for keeping school — 0:7:0 10

March 14th 1791 an order to Oliver Jones for Bridge Rent — 0:4:9

7th an order to Robert Robbins for Boarding Lucy with and her child 44 weeks 4^d — 8:16:0

to let Jonas Mills for times and money spent in the Town house — 1:6:0

at the same time an order to Francis Faulkner for money borrowed for the Town in 1790 — 16:11:0

18th an order to John James Temple for his services in Keeping School — 5:1:0

at the same time an order to James Davies for Boarding said Schoolmaster — 1:19:0

19th an order to Simson Haywood for Repairing Heywards Bridge so called — 22:1:3

22nd an order to Silas Pinner for Boarding the widow Frow in Part — 4:13:0

an order to Capt Joseph Robbins for money borrowed of him for the Town in 1790 — 13:15:5

March 23rd an order to Jacob Mills in Part for his keeping school — 4:0:0

at the same time another order for the same service — 2:0:0

at the same time another order for the same in full — 1:0:0

April 27 an order to Mr William Thomas for his service in keeping school 17th 0
at the same time an order to Stevens Haywood for Boarding Mr Thomas — 2:3:0

at the same time an order to Mr Solomon Adams in Part for his service in keeping school — 0:7:0

Ditto for the same service — 1:10:0

Do for the same service — 0:8:0

Do for the same service in full — 0:15:0

at the same time an order to Luther Wright in full — 0:15:0

at the same time an order to Luther Wright while keeping school — 1:19:0

May 12 an order to John Brooks in full for collecting the Deficiency of Daniel Barks Rates List — 0:11:7

and for mending the meeting house — 0:5:0

at the same time an order to Mr David Barnes for wood for the school near Mr Thorp's Garden — 0:10:0

an order to Capt Brown for the same thing — 0:10:0

August 2nd an order to Robert Robbins for Boarding Lucy with 3:4:0

October 27 1791 an order to Capt Joseph Brown for abatement of Rates 0:4:8

an order to Stephen Law for wood for his school — 0:9:1

May 20th 1791 an order to Lieut Benjⁿ Brabrook for four Pounds eight Shillings & six pence in full for his service in collecting 10:73:11:11 for the Town and paying out the same £4:8:0

Noted December 30th 1791 the following orders given on Tax No 2 for the year 1791

July 30th 1791 To Luther Wright for his service in keeping the School in the South District in this Town £5:5:6
at the same time an order to Abner Hawthorne for boarding m^r Wright while keeping said School 1:14:6
and order to John Robbins for Pork for the Towns Dean 0:17:10

July 30th 1791 an order to Robert Chaffin for keeping the Towns house 2:2:11
at the same time an order to Ephraim Hosmer for Boarding the widow Trows 19 week 3:16:0
and for clothing for said town 1:13:0

July 30th 1791 an order to Lieut Joseph Brown for Digging a well for the Town & wood for David Chaffin 4:19:7
at the same time an order to said Brown for one cord of wood for David Chaffin 0:5:0
at the same time an order to Lieut Eliza Gates for his Labors in Digging a well 3:0:0

February 9th 1791 an order to Daniel Brooks for keeping School 5:18:0
at the same time an order to said Brooks in full for his service in keeping School 0:18:0

February 20th 1791 an order to Robert Robbins for one Pound for lathing line of the Meeting house in 1790 1:0:0
and for Boarding the widow Willis & Child in full 0:12:6

an order to David Brooks for his service in keeping School 6:0:0
at the same time another order in full for the same service 2:0:0
at the same time an order to John Adams for wood and board for said School & 1:10:0 for his last years School 2:10:8

at the same time an order to Luther Wright for his services in keeping School 3:11:13
and another order for the same service in full 1:11:10:1

at the same time an order to James Davies for Boarding said Wright while keeping School 1:12:5

at the same time an order to Aaron Jones for Build a Bridge and mending as by his account on file 14:12:0
62:17:6

September 20th 1791 an order to Will^m Thomas for ten Shillings for Labor done for David Chaffin & for Shillings & 1/8 abatement of Rates 0:14:8
and one Pound five Shillings for boarding the widow Trows 1:5:0

July 30th 1791 an order to Joseph Barker for three cords of wood for David Chaffin and mending the Towns Barn 0:19:0
at the same time an order to Jones Hall for time and money spent in the Towns Service 1:9:9

at the same time an order to Lieut Abraham Thomas on Tax No 1 in Part of the Ballance due to him in the last years Settlement on the Tax to pay a Debt 3:0:0

at the same time an order to James Miles for the abatement of his Poll tax in the year 1790 0:6:8:1

at the same time an order to John Wheeler for Plank for a Bridge 0:12:6

at the same time an order to Jonathan Davies for warning People out of town of Shilling for moving Barben family 1:0:4
for collecting Chaffins Rates

at the same time an order to Joseph Barker on Tax No 1 for a "gan" for the Town 0:11:0

Feb 23rd an order to Lieut Benjⁿ Hayward for his School 7:0:0
at the same time an order to Paul Hunt in Part for making wall for the Town 3:0:0

at the same time an order to Lieut Thomas Noyes for his School 7:0:0

July 27th an order to Lieut Joseph Robbins for Provision for David Chaffins family 2:19:9
and for board & plank for the Town 1:11:0

at the same time an order to John Robbins for Provision for David Chaffins family 1:4:11

at the same time an order to Peter Thelmer on Tax No 1 in full for boarding the widow Trows in 1790 0:6:9

July 27th an order to Paul Hunt for abatement of Rates 0:2:0

March 7th an order to Robert Chaffin for meat for David Chaffins 0:1:8

July 19th an order to Francis Hawthorne for time money &c 3:18:10

0:8:8
0:7:0

67:13:2

orders on the Town Tax No 2 for the year 1791.

March 4th 1791 an order to Simon Fuller for keeping John Oliver
1792 at the same time an order to Capt John Hayward
for the following sums —

0:11:0
0:15:0
0:3:0

19th an order to Silas Piper for Boarding the widow Snow — 3:5:8
and for keeping David Cheffins low — 0:9:4
19th another order to said Piper in full for Boarding said Snow — 1:9:4
at the same time an order to Stephen Law for
labour done for David Cheffins — 0:7:3

April 4th an order to Silas Lonsdale for 20 days work on a County Road — 3:9:0
and for 136 feet of 3 inch plank for a bridge — 0:15:9
at the same time an order to Seth Brooks for his School — 2:0:0

4th 16th an order to Seth Brooks in full for the money
he paid for hiring men for the army in the
late war with Great Britain — 1:10:0

24th an order to Elijah Davies for Plank for Bridges — 0:9:0
at the same time an order to Capt Benjⁿ Hayward for
his services in warning 14 families out of Town — 0:3:0
at the same time an order to Seth Faulkner for perambulating — 0:3:0
July 4th 1792 an order to Eph^m Holmes in full for Boarding
the widow Snow — 2:4:0

August 4th an order to Eph^m Torbitt for making well for the Town — 1:8:8

Sept 3rd an order to Doroth Barker for keeping David Cheffins low 10 weeks — 0:6:8

Sept 7th to Joseph Tole for Beef for David Cheffins — 0:7:6

Sept 7th an order to James Marsh for wood for David Cheffins — 1:5:1

an order to Seth Brooks — 4:3:10

Dec 4th to Abram^m Haywood for clothing for Daniel Brooks Boy — 2:9:3

15th to Joseph Whitney for abatement of Rates — 0:16:4

April 16th 1793 an order to Benjⁿ Haywood on Tax No 2 for his
services in collecting Taxes for last year — 3:0:0

October 4th 1793 an order to James Davis for the abatement of
Solomon Smiths Rates — 1:12:0

at the same time an order to Jonathan Davies for
the abatement of Rates of Jonathan Cheffins's Rates — 8:4:11

at the same time an order to Benjⁿ Haywood
for abatement of Rates — 3:15:10

March 4th 1794 an order to Benjⁿ Westbrook as Town Treasurer — 9:0

January 4th 1793 the following orders are given on the Town
tax No 3 —

January 4th 1793 an order to Paul Hunt in full for his wall for
the Town — 2:0:6

at the same time an order to Jones Brooks for time &
money paid for the Town and Druggist for David Cheffins — 3:9:8

at the same time an order to Stephen Law for
Plank &c — 1:11:6

25th an order to William Reed for Boarding the widow
Snow from Oct^r 4th 1793 to Jun^y 1st 1794 — 3:18:2

25th an order to Will^m Cutting for wood for the School — 1:9:9

at the same time an order to John Adams for work at — 1:4:0

at the same time an order to Oliver Jones for the School — 1:2:0

an order to Luther Wright for four pounds one shilling
for his keeping school — 4:1:0

an order to Aaron Jones for the wall for the Town — 10:5:9

an order to Charles Faulkner for Boarding
Luther Wright's Schoolmaster — 8:16:0

at the same time an order to Silas Piper for
Boarding the widow Snow from April 4th 1793 to July 1st 1794 — 2:12:0

at the same time an order to Joseph Tole for repairing
the Towns house — 0:5:0

at the same time an order to Daniel Shepard for 3 Beef
Pittles for David Cheffins — 0:6:0

at the same time an order to Jonas Brooks
for the School in his District — 8:16:9

at the same time an order to Thomas Hays for
the School in his District — 5:13:6

to Lemuel Haywood for repairing his bridge — 2:5:0

January 4th 1790 an order to Capt Joseph Robbins for Druggist
for David Cheffins — 3:7:0

do for his School — 8:9:4

at the same time an order to John Robbins for
Druggist David Cheffins — 1:4:11

at the same time an order to Joseph Whitney
for the School in his District — 8:15:0

8:15:0
7:12:10

Town Tax No 4

April 4 th an order to Moses Richardson for providing for David Chaffin	£0.11.1.
an order to Joseph Brown for a pair of shoes for Trow	0.6.8.
an order to Joseph Robbins for wood for Chaffin	3.0.0.
an order to Silas Pyper for 6 yd 1/4 to cloth and 1/2 for End for Boarding the widow Trow 32/	0.8.8. 1.12.0.
an order to William Lutting for wood the school in St. Faulthner's	1.13.0.
an order to John Hunt for abatement of a Poll Tax by a mistake	0.7.9.
an order to Simon Hayward for 3 Bushels of corn. End. conveying the same	0.14.6.
May 8 th 1794 to an order to Simon Hayward on tax No 11 being the abatement of the widow Dorothy Barker's Rates for the year 1791-1792 & 1793	0.11.4.
May 13 th to order to John Robbins for money paid to 13 th to Ephm. Doolley in part of a note	0.2.8. 11.16.2. 1.10.2.
Do	1.2.0.
15 th an order to Robert Robbins for taking care of the melting	0.6.0.
to James Doolley for timber for a bridge	
19 th an order to Simon Hayward for the abatement of Peter Hatcher's Rates for the year 1792 & 1793	0.14.4.
an order to to Simon Hayward for the abatement of Abraham Davis Rates	1.2.10.
July 4 th to Simon Hayward for the abatement of Isaac Davis Joseph Need & William Wheeler	0.8.10. 0.9.2. 0.11.2.
July 7 th Delivered by the select men to the Treasurer a note of 2.11.0 against John. Shivers	
Nov 17 th To an order to Stephen Davis in part for Damage 1794 allowed for turning the County Road	3.0.0. 30.5.6 1.43.11.9 179.17.3 0.13.0 174.12.3 1.14.6 175.6.9
Ephm Doolley abatement.	
Dr Need -	

orders given on the Town Tax No 5 for the year 1794	
Nov 4 th 1794 an order to Robert Robbins for Boarding the widow Trow 14 weeks	3.4.2
Nov 17 th to Stephen Davis in full for the Damage allowed him for the County Road	3.0.0
an order to Samuel Tuttle for sundry articles for the Town	1.3.1
to William Need for his service & labour David Chaffin	1.8.8
to Moses Richardson for sundry articles for David Chaffin	1.19.0
to Capt John Edwards for his women's School	4.0.3
to George Robbins for his women's School	3.12.0
to an order to Oliver Jones for Bridge plank	0.7.3
January 2 nd 1795 an order to Benj. Doolley for abatement of John Dyer's Rates and for one Bushel of the former Town Door	10.5.6
at the same time an order to Nathl. Faulthner for a women's School	2.12.0
at the same time do for 2 Day Perambulation and carrying the chain	0.7.0
at the same time an order to Col. Heals for a women's School	2.14.0
at the same time an order to Capt. Robbins for Boarding for Buffs	4.17.4
Do to Aaron Jones for providing for David Chaffin	7.10.11
Do to Samuel Hofner for 6 Bushels of Potatoes for David Chaffin	0.9.0
Do to Benj. Brabrook for one Day Perambulation	0.3.0
Do to David Barnard for labour on Littleton Road	0.16.0
Do to Silas Pyper for Boarding the widow Trow	0.18.6
Do to John Robbins to pay an account to sundry Persons for labour on Littleton Road	10.6.1
Do to Ephm Doolley for the abatement of his Rates for 1793	0.0.0
12 th Do to Capt John Edwards in full for his School	10.17.7
Do to George Robbins in full for his School	10.10.0
July 2 nd 1794 an order to Oliver Jones for Bridge plank	0.15.4
July 4 th 1795 an order to John Robbins to pay an account to sundry Persons for labour on the Road	4.10.6
Do to Benj. Brabrook abatement of his miller's Rates	0.10.1.9
Do to William Need for Boarding the widow Trow	2.17.0
Do to John Goldsmith for mending a towns Gun	1.4.4
Do to Stephen Law for for Doughton for David Chaffin. Vether	4.7.0 1.4.0 0.14.6 1.1.0
Do to William Thomas for labour on New Road	1.1.0
Do to Nathl. Faulthner in full for the School in his District	9.2.0
Do to John Dexter for the School in his District	11.5.2
Do to Daniel Shepard for the School in his District	9.0.8
Do to Supt Thomas Weyre for the School in his District	7.13.7

Dec 16th for 1795

February	an. order to Lieut. Thomas. Hayes in full for settling Joseph.	
Feb 16 th 1795	March estate	£ 1:0:0
	and for burning the Chain for the Surveyor one Day	0:4:0
	and for Provision for Barber family	0:17:8
	To to Amos. Hayes for Plank for a Bridge	0:13:5
	To to Simon. Hayward for Collecting Taxes for 1795	44:0
	to Col Jones Heald for Perambulating	0:4:0
	to Capt John. Haywards for plank for Bridges	1:1:6
	to Daniel. Shepard for work & timber for Bridges	5:16:6
26	to Capt John Edwards for Provision for David Cheffers & other art.	2:7:6
	to Seth Brooks for labour in carting stone for highways	2:9:6
	to Elijah. Davis for timber & plank for Bridges	1:1:10
	to Capt. John Edwards for his service in surveying & perambulating	14:0
	to Francis. Hawthorne for Provision for David Cheffers	1:18:0
	Do for time and money spent in the Towns Service	6:17:6
	to Jones Brooks for Provision for David Cheffers & time & money	14:9
	to Capt Joseph Robbins for interest due to him	0:4:0
	to Saml Parlin for his service in surveying	0:15:0
March 11 th	to Lieut Daniel White for travel in turning Station Road	0:12:0
	and for Provision found the Committee in surveying the town	0:6:9
	to Samuel White for perambulating with labels	0:3:0
27 th	an order to Simon. Hayward on take 1/4 for abatement	10:10:9
	Samuel Whitney for Rates	10:10:9
	Francis. Barber Rates	10:8:3
	John. Proctor's Rates	6:4:8
	to Col Jones Heald in full of his School	4:3:1
April 6 th	an. order to Simon. Hayward for the school in his default.	0:18:0
	to Silas Dyer in full for boarding the Old Town	5:2:0
	Do to Stephens. Hayward for grain for David Cheffers	1:4:0
May	to Robert Robbins for taking care of the meeting house	0:13:4
	to Aaron Jones for interest on a note	0:12:0
	to John Adams for Shives for Cheffers and burning the Chain Day	3:13:0
25 th	to Capt Robbins for 3 load & 2 feet of wood for David Cheffers	3:3:8
	to Mary. Hubbardson	10:7:0
June	to John Robbins for Bounty paid the minute men	3:18:0
	to William. Boarding Town	3:18:0
	to John. Boarding for grain for Cheffers	10:18:0
July 12 th	an order to Aaron Jones for part of the money for the plan	2:1:6
Sept 21 st	to Francis Hawthorne for grain for David Cheffers & some money	1:1:6
	to John. Robbins for Lash paid to Jacob Brown for for the Town plan	1:1:6
	to Robert Hoffman for keeping Nathan Brooks	9:1:4
Dec 12 th 1795	to John David Barnard for Supporting Capt Tompson	12:0
	for this abatement the Heald & Stephen Cheffers Rates	16:0:0
Seth Brooks	to. Mary. Hayes for the Surveying cloth	1:4:7
	one receipt for the Surveying cloth	11:7:0
May 17 th	one receipt for grain for David Cheffers	10:9:0
	both paid by the Treasurer to the widow Heald	2:12:0
	both paid by the Treasurer to the widow Heald	2:12:0

Dec 16th for 1795

Dec 17 th 1795	an order to Robert. Robbins for Boarding Town	22
	to Capt Joseph. Robbins for meat for Cheffers	8:50
	to Samuel Little for Lash Tompson	2:67
	to William Reel for articles for David Cheffers	8:30
	to John. Robbins for his School	52:13
	to Samuel. Parlin for his School	27:88
	to Abram. Haygood for his School	33:39
	to Aaron Jones for his School	46:85
Jan 14 th 1796	to Job & Brooks for his School	38:16
	to Col. Jones Heald for his School	30:33
	to John. Adams for his School	28:76
	to John. Adams for his School	23:93
	to John. Adams for his School	23:93
	to William Reel for Boarding the Old Town in full	14:0:0
	to Samuel Little for Lash Tompson	40:88
Feb 9 th 1796	to Aaron Jones for Lash Tompson	69
	to James Marsh for Cheffers	11:66
22	to Jonas Brooks for time & service & grain for Cheffers	22:83
	to Capt. Edwards for time & money and spirit in the towns service and Reel for David Cheffers	18:83
	to Francis Hawthorne for time & money spent in the Towns service	9:75
	to Dr. Shennar for Doctoring the Towns Post	7:66
	to Stevens. Hayward for 200 Bridge Plank and	2:67
	Preparing Bridges	
	to Luther Hawthorne for Solatoes for Cheffers	4:25
March 9 th 1796	an order to Stephen. Law for Bridge plank &	10
	Robert for David Cheffers	1:25
	Do for wood for Cheffers	1:25
	to Joseph. Dickey for Bridge plank	1:25
	John Smith	46:0:40
Jan 14 th 1796	Brought forward on Dec 16 th	46:0:40
	an order to Francis Hawthorne for Cheffers	1:10:0
	paid by the Treasurer to Amos White	1:10:0
	for guide Board	1:2:9
	an order to Seth Brooks abatement of Rates	7:0:0
	on order to John. Robbins for his	7:4:8
	service as town Treasurer	1:14:3
Feb 4 th 1796	to an order to Seth Brooks for collecting Taxes	1:14:3
	and for a note against the Town.	2:56:12

Recd New Haven Receipts for his Salary

Received of Lieut Benjamin Brabrook Treasurer of Acton Eighty two pounds Eight Shillings & one penny in Part of my Salary for the two years next following the Twenty fifth Day of June one thousand seven hundred & Eighty Six

March 4th 1790 £ 92. 9. 1

Moses Adams

Received of Lieut Benjamin Brabrook Treasurer of Acton one pound one penny farthing in full of my Salary for two next following the Twenty fifth Day of June one thousand seven hundred & Eighty Six

Acton March 4th 1791 £ 6. 0. 1. 1

Moses Adams

Recd of Lieut. Benj. Brabrook Treasurer of Acton one hundred and Sixty in full of my Salary for two years Preceding the Twenty fifth Day of June one thousand seven hundred & ninety

Acton. March 4th 1791 £ 160. 0. 0

Moses Adams

Recd of Lieut Benj. Brabrook Treasurer of Acton Eighty pounds in full of my Salary for the year Preceding the Twenty fifth day of June one thousand seven hundred & ninety one

Acton May 4th 29th 1792 £ 80. 0. 0

Moses Adams

Recd of Lieut John Robbins three hundred & thirty three Dollars & thirty three Cents in full of my Salary for the year before June 25. 1797

Moses Adams

orders on the Town Tax No 6 in 1796

March 4th to Abram Hayward in full for his School 17-50⁰⁰

March 4th 1796 an order to Robert Robbins for Boarding the widow Trow 13 weeks at 7⁰⁰ per week 17-50⁰⁰

to Robert Chaffin for Cyder for Chaffin 1-50⁰⁰

to Daniel Davies for a Cyffer for Chaffin 1-25⁰⁰

April 1st to Joseph Whitney for Stone for a Bridge 1-67⁰⁰

to James Davies Shepard for Digging a well for David Chaffin 2-25⁰⁰

to Ruben Holmes for Boarding Nathan Brooks 16 weeks 2-67⁰⁰

to Joseph Brown for to support David Chaffin 3 months 24-25⁰⁰

to Stephen for wood for David Chaffin 7-50⁰⁰

and for a Bushel of Corn - 91⁰⁰

to Thomas Noyes abatement of Rate 1-2-⁰⁰

to Robert Robbins for boarding Trow & the care of meeting house 9-83⁰⁰

to Sals Smith for a pair of shoes for Trow 1-25⁰⁰

to Ruben Holmes for Boarding Nathan Brooks 20-00⁰⁰

Sept to Capt Joseph Robbins for plank & timber for a Bridge 10-72⁰⁰

to the widow Brooks for boarding Trow 12 weeks 13-⁰⁰

Nov to David Bernard for abatement of Rates 8-72⁰⁰

to Saml Tuttle for cloth for David Chaffin 4-⁰⁰

Dec 29th to David Bernard for collecting taxes for 1795 & 1796 31-71⁰⁰

to John Richardson abatement of his Rate for 1795 1-67-43⁰⁰

to for the year 1796 27⁰⁰

Feb 1797 to Capt John Robbins for his Service as Treas^r 8-40⁰⁰

April 1st 1796 to Noah Starnes 8-00⁰⁰

A Receipt from Sibble Head 2-50⁰⁰

April August paid by the Treasurer 25⁰⁰

20 25⁰⁰

262-02⁰⁰

460-40⁰⁰

722-42⁰⁰

June 22 1796 to David Abraham Skinner for sending the wife of Philip Robbin in sickness 9-⁰⁰

orders given on the Town Tax No 7

Dec 4th 1796 an order to George Robbins for walled 16-⁰⁰

to Simon Hayward for Guide Board 40⁰⁰

to Jones Brooks for his School 34-66⁰⁰

to for time and money expended for the town 9-51⁰⁰

to Moses Richardson for his School 51-91⁰⁰

to Joseph Brooks for Boarding up Trow 14-9⁰⁰

to Joseph Brooks for his School 46-82⁰⁰

to Capt Stevens Hayward for his School 22-⁰⁰

to for time and money expended for the town 9-16-50⁰⁰

to Francis Hawthorne for timber & money for bridge 5-3⁰⁰

to Stephen Law for plank for Bridges 5-⁰⁰

to Eli Wetherbee for plank for Bridges 32-54⁰⁰

to Dr. Abram Skinner for Doct & Phillip Robbins 1-42⁰⁰

to Robert Chaffin for his School 12-⁰⁰

to Silas Piper for Boarding up Trow 61-28⁰⁰

to Thomas Law for his School 57-85⁰⁰

to Oliver Jones for his School 34-73⁰⁰

to James Davies for his School 16-08⁰⁰

to John Goldsmith for his School 5-76⁰⁰

to Aaron Jones on balance of account 10-17⁰⁰

Feb 4th 1797 to Capt John Hayward for work on bridges 6-69⁰⁰

to Thos Law for Boarding the widow Trow to 42⁰⁰

Day of Librery 2-84⁰⁰

to Sals Noyes for railing a Bridge 4-64⁰⁰

to Samuel Temple 2-93⁰⁰

to Nathan Brooks 2-⁰⁰

Simon Hayward for work at a Road 2-⁰⁰

Capt Robbins 7-67⁰⁰

to John Edwards for time and money spent in the town service 80⁰⁰

March 17th to Stephen Law for Drilling Tools 1-⁰⁰

to Seth Brooks for Seven Boards for the Town 1-95⁰⁰

to Samuel Tuttle for 2 yards Green Base 6-⁰⁰

to Thomas Law for Boarding the widow Trow in full to the 6th of March 1-25⁰⁰

April 20th to Nathaniel Hawthorne for a guide post & setting up the same 4-⁰⁰

June 13 to Amos Henley for taking care of the meeting house for one year 4-⁰⁰

100-78⁰⁰

738⁰⁰

Atton Jan 23 1797

Order Given on Town Tax N^o 7
 To Dec^r Simon Hunt & George Robbins an order for making
 L^d David Forbush's Road \$16⁵⁴ Cents
 June 28 To M^r Seth Brooks in full for Collecting Taxes for the year 1794 & 1795 30-41
 at the same time and order to L^d Major Richard for Collecting Taxes for the 1796 \$681.92 Cents 7p
 at the same time an order to L^d David Forbush for Dreambeleahing between Hous & Atton 66
 1794
 Jan 2 To M^r James Billings for Collecting Taxes in full 17-00
 Feb 6th 1797 82-36
 To L^d Ben^t Hayward for Dreambeleahing Town line 1-33
 To L^d John Robbins for money paid Ammi White for hide brand & money to the Town Committee for to oppose a Road over Strawberry Hill 9-66
 February 24th 1797
 To Edward Wetherbee for Damages allowed him by the County Committee for the Road going through his land 11-66
 1797
 Apr 13 Paid by the Town Treasurer to Robert Chaffin for the support of David Chaffin 25
 Paid to Robert Chaffin a note of hand given by Town Treasurer for supporting D.C. 25
 1797
 May 12 To L^d Richardson for abatement of Rates 77
 To Robert Chaffin a Note for Supporting David Chaffin 25
 To Robert Chaffin a Note for 30 25
 20-78

February the 26th 1798
 Then Settled with the Town Treasurer for Tax N^o 6 & N^o 7 and find the Balance Due to said Treasurer is Sixty Two Dollars & thirty nine Cents for which said Treasurer has Rec^d an ord on Tax N^o 8

Atton January the 8th 1798

Then the Select men appointed a Town meeting to be at the meeting house said Town on Monday the fifteenth Day of this Instant at one of the clock in the afternoon to Consider and Determine on the following articles (viz)

- 1st To Chuse a moderator to govern said meeting
- 2^d To See if the Town will Reconsider the vote for building a School house near Doct^r Abraham Skinners and build one near M^r Dexters Barn or in the Rev^d Major Adams Orchard near where the Towns Committee formerly agreed to build one in order to accommodate the North and the middle District together and pass any other vote respecting the two District that the Town shall think proper when met together
- 3^d To See if the Town will Grant money in addition to the fifty pounds that was granted for to build a School house for the North District to build School house for the and north-west District together
- 4th To See if the Town will Grant Twenty Dollars to pay M^r Simon Little Jr^r for land the Towns Committee agreed for the new County Road near M^r Joseph Chaffins
- 5th To See if the Town will Except of a Road laid out by the Select men for to accommodate En^d S. S. Piper upon the Conditions that shall be laid before the Town at said meeting

Atton January the 15th 1798

At a Legall meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Atton Legally warned as appears by the Return of the Constables on there warrant John Edward Esq^r was present to See if the Town would Reconsider their vote to build a School house near Doct^r Skinners and build one near M^r Dexters Barn or in the Rev^d Major Adams Orchard near where the Towns Committee formerly agreed to build one to accommodate the North and the middle District together

Propounded on then voted a Committee of five and to agree upon a Spot for a School house to stand to accom both Districts and John Edward, Ely, Jonas Brooks, Aaron Jones, Jonas Heald & Capt. Daniel Davies was chosen for that purpose. Then the meeting was adjourned for half a hour. Then next according to adjournment and the Towns Committee Reported that the School house be built in the Rev. Moses Adams orchard the Southwest Corner to stand to a heap of stons near a poppler tree and pare of Bars in said Orchard.

Then the Question was put to see whether the Town would Except of the Report of there Committee and it Passed in the affirmative.

Then the Question was put to see if the Town would Reconsider there vote to build a School house near Dr. Shimmer and to build one on the Spot surfixed by there Committee in the Rev. Moses Adams orchard and it Passed in the affirmative. To see if the Town would Raise money in addition to the thirty Pounds, raised to build a School house for the Northwest District. To build a house for the Northwest & middle District together and they voted thirty Pounds. To see if the Town would Raise twenty Dollars to pay M^r. Simon Tuttle J. for land. The Towns Committee agreed with him for the County Road passed in the affirmative. Dismissed.

Acton February the 17th 1798

Then the Select men appointed a Town meeting to be at the meeting house in Acton on Monday the Nineteenth day of this Instant at one o'clock in the afternoon to Consider and Determine on the following articles (viz)

To Chuse a Moderator to Govern said meeting
To see if the Town will Reconsider the vote passed at the last meeting to set the School house in the Rev. Moses Adams Orchard
To agree to set said School house in the Corner of Dr. Shimmers Pasture near M^r. Dexters Bars and see if the Town will agree to build a certain number of houses that shall be thought best to accom

Order Given on Town Tax No 8.

1798
May 1 To M^r. Jonas Brooks for his School \$38-74
To John Edward Ely for his School 61-39
To Simon Hayward for his School 16-93
To Jonas Heald Ely for his School 35-06
To M^r. John Dexter for his School 50-66
To Aaron Jones for his School 38-67
To M^r. Ephraim Haysgood for his School 47-03
To M^r. Simon Tuttle Jun^r for his School 35-78
To Capt. Joseph Brown for work on the New Road 63-19
To M^r. Samuel Parlin for two String Peas 4-83
To M^r. Simon Tuttle Jun^r for Damages by the New Road going through his land 35-00
To M^r. Amos Noyes for Damages by the New Road going through his land 20-00
To M^r. Joseph Chaffin for Damages for by the New Road going through his land 45-00
M^r. Nathaniel Johnson for for Damages by the Road going through his land 15-00
To M^r. Nathan Sampson for three String peas 6-83
To M^r. William Reed for part for boarding the w^d. 3-50
To Capt. Joseph Robbins for Timber Plank & work on the New Road 39-11
To Capt. Daniel Davies for Labour on the New Road 70-50
To Capt. Daniel White for plank & work at the highway 4-25
To Jonas Heald Ely for part for building a new school house near Dr. Shimmer 82-75
To Dea^r. Joseph Brabrook in part for supporting the widow Anna Themberlin 10-00
To M^r. Ephraim Davis for work on the County Road 77-13
To M^r. William Reed in full for supporting the widow How to the 5th Dec^r 41-67
To Capt. Steven Hayward for 85 feet of plank 2-50
To Dea^r. Benj. Hayward for work on the New Road 38-92
To M^r. Moses Wood for stons & work in making a bridge 3-75
To M^r. Seth Brooks for the state ment of Joseph Hageon Ephraim W. John & John Robbins later & for working the westerly part of the Town to Town meeting 8-00

Orders Given Town Tax N^o 8.

Feb 19	To Let John Robbins for bridge plank and going to Cambridge and cash paid to the Clerk of Court Copy of Paper	8 4-34
	To Thomas Faulkner Esq. for service done for the Town	5-92
	To Winthrop Faulkner for the singing school	40-00
	To Robert Chaffin for his attendance as a Committee man at the Court of Common Pleas & try to oppose a new Road	6-00
26	To Let Joseph Brabrook in full for support the	22-17
	widow Anna the school	5-
	To John Goldsmith for building part of butment	2-67
	To Joseph Dudley for drawing & planning three	7-45
	String Beads & work at the Capway	43-
	To Simon Hayward for services & money paid for the Town	23-75
	To Jonas Brooks for services & money paid for the Town	15-
	To John Dams Jr for 10 Days work & lumber & plank for the bridge near Hayward Mills	62-39
	To John Edward Esq. for services & money paid for the Town	9-62
	To Let John Robbins for Rounding & writing Bonds	17-33
	To Let John Robbins for assistance Tax N ^o 8	54-96
March 5	To William Reed in full for supporting the	82-15
	widow Drows to this Day	23-
	To Aaron in full of his account for services & money paid and sundries for the support of	5-15
	M ^r Drows & bridge plank &c	4-50
April 16	1798 to Capt Daniel Davis in part for Building a new School House near the Meeting House	37-58
	To Capt Stevens Hayward in part for supporting David Chaffin and wife one year	2-
	To Thomas Law for chopping wood six weeks	2-
May 15	1798 to Thomas Barker for taking Chair of the meeting House & Repairing the same	2-
June 6	1798 to Moses Richardson for keeping mis	37-58
	Drows 13 weeks and two Jorneys to Gardner and money paid for the Town	2-
June 4	1798 to Will ^m Reed for two blaths	398-
June 4	1798 to John Hefner in part for Building a School House on School House Tax	

Claboard Borden & Shingles Peter Fletcher & Amos Hays Cutlers of Hoops & Shingles David Joseph Brabrook Dealer of warts & Musket and Surveyor of wood William Thomas Nathan Hayward Amos & Adam and Simon Hefner was chosen Haywards the said Town officer are sworn to the faithful Discharge of their several offices

3 the Question was put whether the Town will agree to work at the high way by a rate this present year and it passed in the affirmative then the Town granted one Hundred and fifty pounds equal to 500 Dollars to repair the ways in said town also voted that the price of a mans labour at the highway shall be five shillings equal to eighty four cents p^r Day and the same sum for one pair of oxen and last p^r Day untill the last Day of June next every man to work 10 hours in a Day and half the above price p^r Day the remainder of the year - and then the meeting was adjourned to the first Monday of April next at four of the clock in the afternoon -

April 2^d 1796 the Town being according to adjournment on the fourth article voted to give to David Chaffin one Hundred Dollars for his support with his wife and child for one year next ensuing Provided said Chaffin bring sufficient bondsmen to give a bond to the Town Treasurers to indemnify said Town of action from all lost or charge that shall or may arise during said term for the support of the said Chaffin his wife and child and make their clothing as good at the end of said term as they now are

7 voted to free Jack Gillbert from highway rates with his Dells and estates untill the Town shall make him a way to meeting and Market

6 voted twenty Pounds in addition to the two Moses Selman's Sallery this present year

7 voted that the Swine run at Large this present year

8 voted that Moses Richardson Simon Tuttle and James Davies be a Committee to see what is due from the Town to George Robbins for making fines to open the Road for David Forsyth Jr and report to the Town at the next meeting

Thomas Hays Joseph Brown and Robert Chaffin was chosen a Committee to settle with the select men

Aston. March 21st 1796

Then the Select men appointed a Town Meeting to be at the meeting house in said town on the first Monday of April next for the purpose of giving in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor Let Governor Lounfords & Senators agreeable to the Constitution of this Commonwealth

Aston April 7th 1796 at a Legal meeting of the qualified inhabitants of said Town of Aston at the meeting house in said town for the purpose of giving in their votes to the Select men the following Gentlemen had the vote Set against their names viz.

for a Governor

His Excellency Samuel Adams had. — 39 votes
the Hon^{ble} James Sumner — 5

For a Lieut Governor

the Hon^{ble} Moses Gill had — 58
Hon^{ble} Nath^l Gorham — 1

Senators

The Hon^{ble} Eleazer Brooks had — 40
Hon Eleazer Bridge — 45
Hon Daniel Whitney — 22
Hon Loami Baldwin — 11
Mr Jones Brooks — 39
Ephm Wood Esq — 2
Hon Walter M^r Harlan — 5
Zachus Wright Esq — 17
Timothy Bygones Esq — 3

Aston. April 7th 1796

Then the Select men appointed a town meeting to be at the meeting house in said town on the first Monday of April next to consider and determine on the following articles viz

1 To Chuse a Moderator for to govern said meeting

- 2 To give in their votes for a Register of Deeds for the County of Middlesex
- 3 To be if the Town will accept of a Bridle way laid out by the Select men ~~and~~ to accommodate Jode Gilbert according to the Return of said way
- 4 To be if the town will agree to build the Schoolhouse on the Planer List agreed upon by the Town or agree upon any other Method for planing School Houses and building the same that the Town shall think proper
- 5 To be if the Town will agree to let or sell the house and Land where David Chaffin Lives
- 6 To be if the Town will agree to Chuse a Committee to settle with the Select respecting the expenditure of the towns money for the year 1796 and report to the town their Proceedings as soon as may be

Aston April 7th 1796 at a Legal Town meeting at the meeting house in said town Jones Brooks was chosen Moderator

- 2 the votes given in for a Register of Deeds for a County Register Mr Samuel Barlett had fifty six
- 3 the third article Desmised
- 4 The fourth article referred to the next may meeting
- 5 The Towns house was let to the highest bidder at vendue and struck of to James marsh for one year at Eleven Dollars 25^{cts}
- 6 Lt Thomas Hayes Joseph Brown and Robert Chaffin was chosen for the purpose mentioned in this article

Aiton. April 4th 1796

Then the Select men appointed a Town meeting to be at the meeting house in said Town on the second Day of May Next for the Purpose of joining with the inhabitants of the District of Larkish to chuse a Representative to represent them in the General Court of this Commonwealth the year ensuing

Aiton May 4th 1796

at a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Aiton and District of Larkish at the meeting house in said town of Aiton qualified agreeable to the constitution for the Purpose of chusing a Representative to represent said Town and District in the General Court the year ensuing the being called for and brought in. Mr Jones Brooks, was chuse for the Purpose aforesaid

~~Aiton May 4th 1796~~

Aiton April 4th 1796

Then the Select men appointed a Town meeting to be at the Meeting house in said town on the second Day may next at Twelve of the clock at noon. to consider and Determine on the following articles

- 1 To chuse a Moderator to govern said meeting
- 2 To see how much money the town will raise to defray the necessary Charges arising this present year within the year
- 3 To see how much money this town will raise to support the schools in this town the present year and chuse a Committee to set up the schools and pass any votes that may be thought proper respecting the schools
- 4 To see if the Town will agree reconsider all the votes that have been passed in the town meetings respecting the Districting the town for schools and building school houses for seven years past

5 To see if the Town will chuse a Committee to view the bounds to the Road so far as they go through or adjoin Capt. Joseph Browns Land

6 To see if the town will grant six pounds to make the Road through George Robbinses Land for David Horbush Jr

7 To see if the town will agree to build the school houses on the place last agreed upon by the town or agree upon any other Method for placing the school houses and build the same that the town shall think proper referred to this meeting

8 To see if the town will agree to give Nathan Holmes twenty Dollars for supporting Nathan Brooks which he has now applied to this town for provided that he shall oblige himself to support said Nathan three years and keep his cloths good free of charge to the town

Aiton May 4th 1796 at a legal Town meeting at the meeting house in said Town Jones Brooks was chosen Moderator

- 2 voted ninety pounds to defray the necessary Charges arising in the Town this present year
- 3 voted one hundred pounds to support the schools in this town this present year also voted that thirty pounds of the above sum be expended in a Women School also voted that Oliver Jones Stevens Hayward Jones Brooks Daniel Davies Moses Richardson Robert Chuffman and James Davies be a Committee to set up the schools
- 4 the fourth article was dismissed
- 5 voted that John Edwards Thomas Hays & Francis Hawthorne be a Committee to ascertain the bounds of the road so far as may be by Capt Joseph Browns Land
- 6 vote that Dea Hunt and George Robbins be a Committee to make David Horbushs Road

is voted to give Nathan Hasbrou twenty Dollars to support Nathan Brooks three years provided he gives Bond to indemnify the town from all costs and charge for his support except paying a Doctor in case he shall need one and said Hasbrou to fulfill his petition at the end of said three years

It voted that Oliver Jones Stevens Hayward Moses Richardson Jones Reed and Capt Daniel Davis be a Committee to call on the people to give in their names to said Committee to signify which of the five School Houses they chose to belong to and any neglecting to give in their names the Committee are directed to say which District they shall belong to and the meeting was adjourned to the third Monday of Sept next at one of the Clock in the afternoon

September 9th 1796 the town being met according to adjournment and proceeded as follows the Question was put whether the town will accept of the Report of the Committee that was chose to Proprietor the Schools and it passed in the negative and then the meeting was adjourned to the next town meeting for the further consideration of said article

Acton October 9th 1796

then the Select men appointed a Town meeting to be at the meeting house in said town Monday the seventh Day of Nov^r next for to give in their votes to the Select men for one elector of a President & vice President of the United States in the second Middle District in this Commonwealth - also to give in their votes for a Representative in the Congress of the United States for the second Middle District in this Commonwealth

Acton November 9th 1796

at a legal meeting of the qualified inhabitants of the Town of Acton at the meeting house in said town for the purpose of giving in their votes for one elector of President & vice Presidents of the United States for the second Middle in this Commonwealth the following gentlemen had the votes here set against their names viz the Hon^{ble} Elbridge Gary had 25 votes the Hon^{ble} Elazer Brooks had 7 votes and Jones Brooks had 20 and at the same time the following gentlemen had the votes set against their names for a Representative in the Congress of the

Acton March the 13th 1797

then the Select men appointed a Town meeting to be at the meeting house in said town on the first Monday of April next at one of the Clock in the afternoon for the purpose of giving in their vote to the Select men for a Governor Lt. Governor & Senators agreeable to the Constitution of this Commonwealth

Acton April the 3rd 1797

at a legal meeting of the qualified voters Inhabitants of the Town of Acton for the purpose of giving in their vote for a Governor Lt. Governor and Senators the following gentlemen had the number votes set against their names for a Governor

Hon^{ble} James Sullivan had 43 votes

Hon^{ble} Increase Sumner --- 11

His Hon^{or} Moses Gill --- 9

Lt. Governor ---

His Hon^{or} Moses Gill had 48

Hon^{ble} Elbridge Gary --- 5

Hon^{ble} James Sullivan --- 1

Senators

Hon^{ble} Elazer Brooks --- 37

Hon^{ble} Ebenezer Bridge 23

Hon^{ble} Daniel Whitney --- 21

Hon^{ble} Walter M. Farlin --- 1

Ephraim Wood Esq. --- 11

M^r Jones Brooks --- 29

William Hull Esq. --- 27

David Hill --- 13

Maj^r Wilcox --- 4

James Winthrop Esq. --- 2

Acton March the

Acton March the 13th 1797

Then the Select men appointed a Town meeting to be at the meeting house on the first Monday of April Next to determine on the following articles

- 1st To Chuse a moderator to govern said meeting
- 2^d To see if the Town will make an addition to the Rev^d Moses Adams Sallery this present year which began on the 29th of June last and make a grant for that purpose in proportion to the general price of articles of use in supporting a family.
- 3^d To see if Town will adopt some mode with the Rev^d Moses Adams or Aule by which his Sallery in future shall be secured to him in Value equal to the true intent of the Contract or grant upon which he was settled in the ministry in this Town
- 4th To see if the Town will raise money to build the five school houses or any one or more of them that the Town agreed to build at there last meeting respecting school houses
- 5th To see if the Town will agree upon some meathod to New Seat the meeting house
- 6th To see if Town will Sell the Town farm or pay any other vote respecting that affair
- 7th To see if the Town will reconsider their vote respecting Sundry not having at large the present year passat their last meeting and pass any other votes as they think proper when met

Acton April the 3rd 1797

At a Legall meeting of the Inhabitants of said Town Legally warned as appears by the Return of the Constables on their warrants

articles Joramis Faulkner Esq^r Moderator

- 1st Voted Twenty Pounds in addition to the Rev^d Moses Adams Sallery
- 2^d Defensed
- 3^d Defensed
- 4th Referred to may meeting
- 5th Passed in the Negative and voted that the Select men Rent the Town farm to the best advantage they can and they agreed with Stephen Shepard for Twelve Dollars for the year 1798 and he to leave said farm in as good Repare as he takes it
- 6th To see if the Town would reconsider their vote respecting Sundry at large and it Passed in the affirmative and voted they should then at large the present year

Acton April the 15th 1797 Then Select men appointed a Town meeting to be at the meeting house in said Town on the first Day of May Next for the purpose of forming with the Inhabitants of the District of Carlisle to Chuse a Representative to Represent said Town and District in the General Court of this Commonwealth the year ensuing

Acton May the 1st 1797

at a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Acton and District of Carlisle at the meeting house in said Town of Acton Qualified agreeable to the Constitution for the purpose of Chusing a Representative to Represent said Town and District in the General Court of this Commonwealth the year ensuing the votes being Colled for and brought in M^r Jones Brooks was Chosen for the purpose afore said

Acton April the 15th 1797

Then the Select men appointed a Town meeting to be at the meeting house in said Town on the first Day of May Next to determine on the following articles

- 1st To Chuse a moderator to govern said meeting
- 2^d To see how much money the Town will raise to Defray the Expences that has or may arise this present year
- 3^d To see how much money the Town will raise to Support a Reading and writing School the present year and Chuse a Committee to Set up and Inspect said Schools
- 4th To see if the Town will raise a Sum of money to Support a Singing School in this Town
- 5th To see if the Town will raise money to build the five school houses or any one or more of them that the Town agreed to build at their meeting in February last respecting school houses referred to this meeting
- 6th To see if the Town will agree upon some meathod to New Seat the meeting house referred to this meeting
- 7th To see if the Town will Lay out a road from L^d Moses Richardsonsons to Eng. Silas Pipers Land

Acton May the 1st 1797

At a General Town meeting Legally warned as appears by the Returns of the Constables on their warrants

while Joramis Faulkner Esq^r was Chosen Moderator

- 1st Voted one hundred Pounds to Defray the Expences of the Town this year
- 2^d Voted one hundred and fifty Dollars to pay the Damages the Court gave to L^d Simon Tuttle Joseph Chaffin Amos Noyes and Nathaniel Johnson in Laying the New County Road

- 3 To see how much money the Town will have to support a Reading and writing School the present year
voted one hundred ~~and~~ thirty pound of the afore said money to be laid out in a wooman School
voted that there be a Committee of Seven men to set up & support said School and Aaron Jones Ephraim Hapgood Simon Little Johnas Heald Ely John Edward Ely Johnas Brooks & John Dexter was chosen for that purpose
- 4 voted forty Ballots to Support a Singing School in this Town
- 5 The Question was put whether the Town wold have money to build the five School houses and it passed in the Negative
then the question was put whether the Town wold build one School house near W. Dexter, Davis and it passed in Negative
then the article was referred to the next Town meeting
- 6 Passed in the affirmative to have seat the meeting house
voted to chuse a Committee of Seven men for that purpose
~~James Faulkner Ely Johnas Heald Ely John Edward Ely Aaron Jones~~
James Faulkner Ely Johnas Heald Ely John Edward Ely Aaron Jones
Capt Joseph Robbins Johnas Heald Ely & Capt Joseph Brown
was chosen for the purpose afore said
voted that the Committee seat the meeting house and to age & pay for three years left
voted that the 5 Quarters put in by the Church set in the fore seat in the front
along a line on Singing in a regular way and manner
to see if the Town wold lay out an open Road from A. H. Mose
Richardson to Elias Pipers Land
voted to chuse a Committee of Seven men to go and view the ground from Lieut Mose Richardson by E. P. Silas Pipers to Aaron Jones and to Report to the Town at the next meeting
whether a Road is needfull or not
and John Edward Ely Lieut Thomas Noyes Robert Chaffin Capt John Heyward Lieut Simon Little Capt Joseph Brown & Ephraim Hapgood was chosen for that purpose

Auton June the 2^d 1797

Then the select men appointed a Town meeting to be at the meeting house in said Town on Tuesday the thirteenth of this instant June at two of the clock in the afternoon to consider and determine on the following articles (viz)

- 1 To chuse a Moderator to govern said meeting
- 2 To see what the Town wold do for the support of the said Mose Adams in future or pass any voter that there be thought proper when met together relating to that affair
- 3 To see if the Town wold chuse money to build the five School houses or any one or more of them that the Town agreed to build at their meeting in February last relating to School houses referred to this meeting
- 4 To hear the report of a Committee that was chosen by the Town sent the meeting house to view the ground from Lieut Mose Richardson by E. P. Silas Pipers to Aaron Jones to see if it was needfull to lay out an open Road or not
- 5 To see if the Town will chuse a Committee to except of a new Road laid out near W. H. Brooks, if made accord to an agreement

John Hager & his wife Joseph Hager and his wife and children
came from Lincoln to reside in the Town of Auton August 1776
Oliver Emerson & his wife and children came from ^{to reside}
in this Town of Auton in 1789
Moses Woods & his wife came from ^{to reside} in this Town
in the year 1772

James Humphreys & his wife came from Concord to reside in this Town 1770

Gilbert Jackson & his wife and family came from Dorset to reside in this Town in the year 1778

Stephen Sanderson & his wife came from Littleton to reside in this Town in the year 1773

Jonathan Tour & his wife came from Leachfield to reside in this Town in the year 1782

Auton June the 13th 1797

At a legal Town meeting at the meeting house in said Town it being legally warned as appears by the Returns of the Constable on their warrants Francis Faulkner Ely Moderator

- 2 To see what the Town will do for the support of the said Mose Adams in future
Propounded on a Confiable while then chose a Committee of three men John Edward Ely Robert Chaffin & Lieut Thomas Noyes to go and converse with the said Mose Adams and accordingly they did and returned with him to the meeting house then after Confiable Debate the Question was put whether if the Town wold chuse a Committee to converse with said Mose Adams and to adapt with him some mode to make up the Depreciation of his salary for the future
Passed in the Negative
then the Question was put to grant forty in addition to the said Mose Adams salary one
3. Referred to the next Town meeting

4 Excepted of the Report of said Committee

5 The Commee Resolved that in their opinion it is not Expedient to lay out an open Road at present

6 voted to chuse a Committee of three men to go view said Land and Lieut Simon Little John Edward Ely & Lieut Henry Mose was chosen for that purpose

Atton June the 19th 1797

- Then the Select men appointed a Town Meeting to be at the meeting house in said Town on Friday the 22nd Twenty third Day of this Instant June at one of the Clock in the afternoon to Consider and determine on the following articles viz
- 1st To Choose a Moderator to Govern said meeting
 - 2nd To See if the Town will adopt some or Rule with the Rev. Moses Adams by which his Salary in future shall be secured to in full value of the true intent of the Contract or Grant upon which he was settled in the Ministry in this Town
 - 3rd To See if the Town will Raise money to build the five School houses or any one or more of them that the Town agreed to build at their meeting in february last respecting Schoolhouses referred to this meeting
 - 4th To See if the Town will Except of Road Laid out by the Select men as it is now through Land of Jonathan Hopner and Capt. Joseph Brown in Room of a former one Laid out by the Town
 - 5th To See if the Town will Lay out an open Road to accommodate Dr. Silas Piper

Atton June the 23rd 1797 At a General Town meeting held in said Town legally warned as appears by the Returns of the Constables on their warrants

- Jonas Brooks Moderator
- 2nd Propounded on then the question was put to See if they would Transfer Committee to go and Confer with the Rev. Moses Adams and to make & hear Proposals with him concerning his Salary in future voted in the affirmative
- John Edwards, Dr. Aaron Jones, Robert Chaffin, Lt. Abraham Haggood, Capt. Daniel Davis, Francis Faulkner, & Lt. Thomas Noyes were chosen for the purpose afore said
- Then the further Consideration of said article was deferred till tomorrow after noon to hear the Report of their Committee

- 3rd Dismissed
 - 4th Excepted
 - 5th Dismissed
- then the meeting was adjourned till tomorrow the Twenty fourth Day of this Instant June at one of the Clock in the afternoon
- Atton June the 24th 1797 The Town being met according to adjournment their Committee presented to the Town the following Proposal from the Rev. Moses Adams and their Report on the same
- Atton June 24th 1797 Proposal to the Town of Atton in Town meeting of said

I will be satisfied with the sum of Twenty pounds and Ten Shillings of wood at my Door annually in addition to my present fixed Salary and which should become payable to me by reason of age or other infirmity so that the Town should be obliged to hire Preaching I will receive only Sixty pounds per annum during such inability

Moses Adams

Atton June the 24th 1797

Was the Subscribers being a Committee appointed by the Town to wait on the Rev. Moses Adams to make and hear proposals from him in regard to his future support have attended to the business and have the above proposal which we agree to recommend to the Town for their acceptance

John Edwards
Aaron Jones
Robert Chaffin
Abraham Haggood
Francis Faulkner
Thomas Noyes

Then the question was put to See if the Town would Except of the above proposal made by the Rev. Moses Adams and of the Report of the aforesaid Committee

6th To they both passed in the affirmative

the meeting was dissolved

Atton February the 28th 1797

Then we the Subscribers Laid out a Townway to Accomodate M. Seth Brooks & others beginning at a heap of Stones at the wall by a walnut tree on the north side of Townway leading to Benj. Temples from thence to a Stake and Stone at the new wall to Benj. Temples from thence to a Stake and Stone from thence on the wall to them on said wall to a Stake and Stone from thence on the wall to a heap of Stones by the wall then to a heap of Stones the north side of the gate at the Road leading to Maj. Edwards said way is two Rod wide and the bounds are on the northerly side of said way

Francis Faulkner } Select-
John Edwards } men

Atton June the 23rd 1797

Then we the Subscribers Laid out a Town way beginning at a pare of Moss about three Rods west of the Brooks East of of Jonathan Hopners then northerly easterly on said Hopners wall as it now stands to Land of the widow Dorothy Barker then on her Land to a heap of Stones three Rods South east of a fine Steep and Stone the corner of Willard farm (so called) said way is a three Rod way and the bounds are on the South side said way is in Room of a former one Laid out by the Town and is to go where it is now Rod

Jonas Brooks }
John Edwards } Selectmen
Aaron Jones }

Upton, February 7th 1795 - 6

Then the select men appointed a Town Meeting to be at the meeting house in said town on the first Monday of March next, to consider of the Clock at noon to consider and determine on the following articles

- 1 To Chuse a Moderator to govern said meeting
- 2 To Chuse Town officers for the year ensuing
- 3 To be if the Town will agree to work at the high way by a rate this present year also to be how much money the town will raise to repair said ways and Tassany votes that shall be thought proper relating to that affair
- 4 To be what method the town will agree upon to support David Chaffers this present year
- 5 To be if the town will agree to free Mr. Jacob Gilbert from paying high way rates for his toll and the estate he now owns where he lives untill the town shall provide him a way to meeting & market
- 6 To be if the town will grant to the Mrs. Moses Adams twenty pounds or any other sum in addition to that which has been granted for his salary this present year on account of the depreciation of money
- 7 To be if the town will agree to let the swine run at large this present year
- 8 To be if the town will Chuse a Committee to settle with Mr. George Robbins for his Building his well to let David Torbush out to the Road

Upton March 4th 1796 at a legal Town Meeting at the meeting house in said town Mr. Jones Brooks was chosen Moderator and the Town proceeded as follows Francis Faulkner was chosen town clerk Francis Faulkner Jones Brooks & John Edwards were chosen select men and as before John Robbins was chosen Town Treasurer Daniel Davis Aaron Jones John Stephen Bellamy chosen High Wardens Samuel White Jr. Aaron Jones Stephen Lewis Benjⁿ Hayward Thomas Rogers Daniel White Moses Richardson John Hayward ~~James Wood~~ & ~~James Wood~~ James Surveyors of high way Moses Richardson & Seth Brooks Constable James Bellamy a collector Stephen Hosmer & Moses Wood Tithingmen George Robbins and David Rogers fence viewers Daniel Davis & Seth Faulkner Surveyors of Tithes

United States for the Second Middle District in this Commonwealth on the North Joseph B. Vernon. 36 votes
the Non-Ebenezer Bridge had 72

October 4th 1796

Then the select men appointed a Town Meeting to be at the meeting house in said town on Monday the sixth Day of Nov^r next to consider & determine on the following articles

- 1 To Chuse a Moderator to govern said meeting
- 2 To be if the Town will Chuse a Committee to appear in their behalf at the Court of General Sessions of the peace for the County of Middlesex and oppose the the Comptroller of the Road that is ordered to be laid out by said Court from Ames Road across the Meadow by Joseph Chaffers
- 3 To be if the Town will abate the rates on the real estate of Daniel Shepard for the year 1796

Nov^r 4th 1796 at a legal Town meeting at the meeting house in said town Mr. Jones Brooks was chosen Moderator

- 2 the Question was put whether the town will Chuse a Committee to oppose the Comptroller of the Road mentioned in the 2^d article & it passed in the negative
- 3 voted to abate the rates on the real estate of Daniel Shepard for the year 1796

January 4th 1797 then the select men appointed a Town Meeting to be at the meeting house in said town ^{on the first Monday} to consider & determine on the following articles viz.

- 1 To Chuse a Moderator for to govern said meeting
- 2 To be if the town will reconsider all their former votes relating to Defracting the town for School & building School House
- 3 To be if the town will agree to build a School House to accommodate the District where the School house was consumed by fire
- 4 To be if the Town will agree to form themselves into a certain number of School Districts and provide each District with a School house and divide the School money into so many equal parts and pass any votes that the town shall think proper relating to the same

6 To see if the town will chuse a Committee to settle with the Select men
a singing Master to teach our youth and others who are disposed to learn the art of singing

7 To see if the Town will agree to Discontinue the town way through Mr. Seth Brooks' Land and Except of a way laid out by the Select men according to the Return of said way at the meeting provided said Brooks shall make the new way as good as the other and to give said Brooks the old way for the new one

Acton February 9th 1797 at a general town meeting at the meeting house in said town it being legally warned as appeared by the Returns of the Constables on their warrants
Jonas Brooks was Chosen

2 on the second article it was propounded whether the town will reconfer all their former votes Relating to Discontinuing the town for School and building School School house and it was voted on the Affirmative

4th it was voted that there shall five School Districts in the Town and the School houses shall be built on the same Places that was agreed upon by a former vote of the towns viz 1 one of said houses to be built near Mr. John Dexter Pastor born on the Road leading from the meeting house to Dr. Shummers one on the hill west of Joneth's Tavern house one in the brook of the Road west of Samuel White's house one where the School house ^{stand} near Samuel Tuttle's now stand and the other house to be built where the School house now stand near John Harris

5 voted that Samuel Parlin Robert Cheffin Thomas Hoag Simon Tuttle & Jacob Gilbert be a Committee to settle with the Select men

6 the Question was put whether the Town will raise money to hire a singing master and it passed in the negative

7 the seventh article referred to the next march meeting

Acton January the 21st 1797 Then the Select men ordered a Town meeting to be at the meeting house in said town on the first Monday of March Next to consider and determine on the following articles viz

1st To Chuse a Moderator to govern said meeting

2 To Chuse Town officers for the year ensuing

3 To see if the Town will agree to work at the highway by a State this present year also to see how much money the Town will raise to Repare the highway that appear in this Town and pass any votes that may be thought proper when meet Relating to that affair

4 To see if the town will agree to let the Swine Run at large this present year

Acton March the 5th 1797 at a general Town meeting at the meeting house in said town it being legally warned as appeared by the Returns of the Constables on their warrants

Jonas Brooks was Chosen Moderator & proceeded as follows
1st Aaron Jones Chosen Town Clerk Jonas Brooks John Edwards and

Aaron Jones was Chosen Select men & officers John Holbrook was voted to let out the Collection of Taxes to the lowest Bidder in the pound except End of the Town was struck off to Peter Finney at Six pence on the pound
East End to Major Richardson at four pence three farthings then
Major Richardson Peter Finney was Chosen Constables Aaron Jones Daniel Davis Junior William Joseph Vayer Major Wood Benjamin Bradbrook John Adams Jr. Ephraim Haggard Silas Ayer John Cole Highway Surveyors Tud Gilbert Seth Brooks Riding men Seth Brooks Robert Cheffin Surveyor of Road Elabard & Hengler Samuel Tuttle Jonas Davis Jonch weavers Edward Wetherbee James Fletcher Cullen of hooks & Staves Aaron Jones Teacher of water and Measurer Aaron Jones Joseph Brown Edward Wetherbee John Adams Jr. High wardens Noah Tuttle Paul Dudley Seth Brooks Jr. Joseph Cole Aaron Tinkner John Harris Jr. Haggard said Town officers sworn to the faithful Discharge of their several offices

3 The Question was put whether the Town would work at the highway by a State and it passed in the affirmative then the Town voted one hundred and fifty pounds to Repare the highway the present year Labour to be at five Shillings p. Day for a man and the same for a pair of Oxen and East voted that all the money be worked out by the first of September or the money to be paid

Voted the Swine should not Run at large this present year
Voted the further Consideration of the second article be deferred to April meeting
then the Town acted on the 4th article of their last meeting on the 21st of January referred to this meeting to see if the Town will agree to Discontinue the town way through Seth Brooks' Land Except of a way laid out by the Select men according to the Return of said way at the meeting provided said Brooks shall make the new way as good as the other and give said Brooks the old way for the new one and it passed in the affirmative

Acton March the 13th

Then the Select men appointed a Town meeting to be at the meeting house in said Town on the Seventeenth day of this instant March at two of the Clock in the afternoon to Consider and determine on the following articles viz.

- 1 To Chuse a moderator to govern said meeting
- 2 To see if the Town will raise money to make the new Road from Amos Noyes across the meadow by Joseph Chaffins Land out by the Com^{tee} Committee or pass any other vote respecting said Road as they shall think proper when met together
- 3 To see if the Town will take measures to Oppose a County Road being Laid out from Nehemachi hill (So Called) near Wrentham hill (So Called) to Concord
- 4 To see what measures the Town will take to Support David Chaffin and family the Present year

Acton March the 17th 1797

at a Legal Town meeting at the meeting house in said Town it being legally warned as appears by the returns of Constables on their warrants.

- Articles Francis Faulkner Esq. Moderator
- 1 voted to raise three hundred Dollars for the purpose of making a new Road from Amos Noyes across the meadow by Joseph Chaffins Land out by the Com^{tee} Committee or pass any other vote respecting said Road as they shall think proper when met together
 - 2 voted to Chuse a Committee of three men to Lay the money above said to the best advantage for the Town in making said Road as they shall think proper when met together
 - 3 voted to Chuse a Committee of three men to Oppose a County Road being Laid out from Nehemachi hill (So Called) near Wrentham hill (So Called) to Concord
 - 4 voted that Town Treasurer pay to David Chaffin one hundred Dollars quarterly for the Support of him his wife and Child the year ensuing provided said Chaffin bring sufficient Bondsmen to Indemnify the Town from all charges that shall or may arise during said year his and their Cloathing to be kept on good as it is now the Bond to given to the Town Treasurer

Acton Sep^r 19th 1798

Taken up in Damages by the Subscriber a Black Horse mare and foal with a black and white face her main Lyng on with four white spots and white face her main Lyng on the deer head supposed to be one or ten years old

Acton May 4th 25th 1791 Taken up in Damages by the Subscriber a Brown mare supposed to be two years old no artificial or natural mark on one the same

Joseph Robbins Jr

Acton June 4th 18th 1791 Taken up in Damages by the Subscriber James Shays two years old one of them Red with a little white on the end of his tail the other Red and White Bay horns two Red a Dash Redder.

Acton July the 12th 1797

Taken up by the Subscriber Two Brown Horse Colts one four years old the other Two years old the youngest has a white Ring about his Right Gambrel Joint

Nathan Lomfon

Acton October the 13th 1797
Legal warning of the inhabitants of the Town of Acton to be at a Town meeting on the 13th day of October at one of the Clock in the afternoon to Consider and determine on the following articles

Acton October the 7th 1797
Then the Select men appointed a Town meeting to be at the Meeting house in said Town on Friday the Thirteenth day of this instant October at one of the Clock in the afternoon to Consider and determine on the following articles
To Chuse a moderator Govern said meeting
To see what measures the Town will take to finish the new Road Laid out by the Com^{tee} Committee through Joseph Chaffins Land to Amos Noyes
To see if the said Town will consider all former votes respecting school house if any there be on Record and see if the Town will build a School house for District that had there school house Burn or pass any other vote respecting school Districting or building a house or houses and raising money for that purpose or that shall see fit when met together

Windsor (New York)

Acton

Acton Octob^r the 13th 1797

at a legal meeting of the inhabitants of said Town
Acton legally warned as appears by the Return of the Town
on these warrants Jonas Brooks Moderator

2 article to see what method the Town would take to finish the new
Road Voted one hundred Dollars be worked out at 10 per ha
under the present Surveyors in the Town within three weeks
from next Monday if the work is not done on the Day the
Surveyors should set they are authorized to complete the work
and return their List

3 To see if the Town will reconsider all former vote respecting
Building School houses if any there be on Record and if
if the Town would a Schoolhouse the District that had the
School house burnt

Voted to reconsider all former votes respecting Districts
for seven years past

Voted there be ^{Committee of five} men to fix a place for a School house
north District to which L^t Noyes belongs and that Jonas
Brooks John Edwards Off Aaron Jones George Robbins
and Edward Wetherbee be the Committee

then voted fifty pounds to build a ^{house}
Voted said Committee think proper for said District
and in best way they can

Acton May 31 1797 Taken up by the Subscriber
a white Chestnut Colored Mare about 4 or 5 years old the hind
legs mostly about 15 hands high white face & white feet on hind
Eye black main and tail and a white spot near the hump for
near side

Jonas Neal